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March 17, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of March 15th, the following is submitted:

The work of this Bureau is now handled by a small number of people. The administrative and clerical work to be done will not admit of lost motion in the way of unnecessary letter-writing.

When newspaper publicity given to some proposed legislation, such as a Lindbergh medal or a special coin, brings an avalanche of inquiries, a form letter of reply is mimeographed and used. This eliminates the typewriting of a very large number of letters. This practice cannot, however, be said to be new in this Bureau, for it has been followed for some time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 20, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

In reference to the correspondence now before your Department concerning proposed coinage for the Government of Nicaragua, and in particular to my letter of February 24th, I have the hono to inclose correspondence received today from the Philadlphia Mint covering the same proposition.

This Deparment has taken no action in the premises.

Respectfully,

S. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 21, 1928.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 8, 1928, enclosing a copy of S. 3216, a Bill to provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the achievements of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, and for other purposes, and asking for a report upon the measure.

The Bill does not specify the type of medal to be issued. Should the Commission decide to have a medal the size of the Presidential medals, which are three inches in diameter, or even a smaller medal in high relief, necessitating the striking of the medals on the medal presses, the present facilities of the Mint, although quite adequate to meet normal demands, would be fully engaged for fifty-three years on the issue of the number called for by this Bill. Should the determination be reached to strike a medal no larger than cut dollars, and of low relief, which would permit the striking of the medals on a coining press, about one year would be required to complete the number called for by this Bill.

The Bill provides that the medals shall be delivered to the Commission at cost. Under existing law this cost price would be deposited in the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. The effect of this would be to deplete the appropriations of the Mint Service for the initial purchase of the metal and for the payment of labor cost. Provision should be made in the Bill to reimburse the appropriations of the Mint Service for the cost of the metal and the cost of the labor in preparing the medals.

This Department is not in position to express an opinion as to the propriety of the measure.

It might be added that the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that the above report on this Bill, in which no opinion is expressed as to the propriety of the measure, would not be in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Simeon D. Fess,
Chairman, Committee on the Library,
United States Senate.

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March 27, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the order closing the Mints to visitors be rescinded and that the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be permitted to admit visitors to that institution.

All safeguards recommended by the Secret Service Division have been installed.

In connection with this recommendation, it is suggested that the Mint at San Francisco and the Mint at Denver remain closed to visitors for the present, and that the rescinding of this order shall only apply to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved
Mar. 22/28

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March 22, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 21st, inclosing a copy of Memorandum No. 11, Supplement No. 1 of the Inter-departmental Board on Simplified Office Procedure regarding "Translators", I am forwarding herewith the information you ask for.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ong

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1928.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing,

Sir:

In accordance with Department Circular No. 365, December 2, 1925, I have the honor to inclose return covering transportation requests issued to this Bureau for the period January 1, 1927 to June 30, 1927.

Respectfully,

W. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1928.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing.

Sir:

In accordance with Department Circular No. 365, December 2, 1925, I have the honor to inclose return covering transportation requests issued to this Bureau for the period July 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

W. H. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Mar 27, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a letter received at the Philadelphia Mint from the Consul General of Panama at New York, N. Y., requesting the execution of certain coinage for this Government.

No reply has been made to the letter of the Consul General, and this Department will appreciate the courtesy of advice from you as to whether or not you desire to have this coinage executed for the Republic of Panama.

Should it be decided to have the Philadelphia Mint undertake the manufacture of these coins, the cost will be as follows:

500,000 - 5 centimo nickel coins, $3.50 per M pieces
1,000,000 - 2½ " " " 5.25 " " "

The above prices include working dies and packing charges, but do not include the cost of containers required for shipment of the coins.

In examining the dies, the Mint finds that it has obverse dies which compare with the specifications contained in the letter of the Consul General, but the reverse dies will have to be changed. The necessary changes could be made for $200.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 28, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of March 24th relative to automobiles and motor trucks, we have no suggestions to offer for the reason that automobiles and motor trucks are not employed in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

M. W. Baldy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1921.

Honorable Willis C. Hawley,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Hawley:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 24th, in which you quote an excerpt from a letter you received from Mr. C. A. Woodworth, Postal Building, Portland, Oregon.

I have carefully considered the statements contained in your letter, and I am glad to have an opportunity to give you my views.

An 8 cent piece would, in my opinion, serve but one major purpose, namely, the payment of fares upon street cars, omnibuses, etc. Except for its use for this purpose in a comparatively small number of communities, there would appear to be no real demand for such a coin. An 8 cent piece would be incompatible with our decimal system, and would introduce confusion when used for other than the payment of fares. The introduction of this denomination would involve the revision of price lists, catalogues, etc., and would entail alterations in vending and change-making machines, cash registers, bookkeeping forms, and a wide variety of appliances, involving large interests and representing substantial investments.

With respect to the use of this coin in payment of fares, it is questionable whether there would in fact be any general demand for the same. Such demand as might exist for a coin of this denomination would be entirely local, and would be restricted to those communities in which an 8 cent fare was established. Should three or four of the larger cities establish an 8 cent fare, and the Treasury provide a coin in that denomination for their convenience, the Treasury would be compelled to recognize the merit of similar demands from other cities for coins of 7, 9, or 10 denomination, to conform to their respective rates. I believe it unnecessary to point out the impracticability, if not the impossibility, of meeting those various demands. Tore-

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even, the metal token now in general use throughout the country appears adequately to meet the needs both of the carriers and of the public. These metal tokens, as you know, are stamped to indicate the issuing company, and are arbitrarily designed to represent a specific fare. Fare-boxes have been specially constructed to admit them, and I believe it will be found, from the standpoint of the carrier, that the tokens provide a very convenient means of accounting. Inasmuch as the 8 cent piece, if issued by the Government, would be used almost solely for the payment of fares, such coins would in effect be nothing more than tokens, the Government assuming the expense of minting the same, and the public being burdened by the introduction of a coin that would hamper, rather than facilitate, the purchase of commodities.

With appreciation of your interest, and thanking you for your courtesy in presenting this matter for my consideration, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 1, 1928.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 405, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1928.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning April 1, 1928, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Ho. Mellon
Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 8, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1899, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended March 31, 1926, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

W. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to March 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report the following changes in the personnel of this Bureau during the month ended March 31, 1928:

Effective March 1, 1928.

Algate, Roy T., Clerk, promoted from $1,500 to $1,560;
Frantz, S. B., Junior Administrative Officer, promoted from $3,600 to $3,700;
Probey, A. C., Principal Clerk, promoted from $2,100 to $2,200;
Reeder, W. T., Messenger, " " $1,200 to $1,260;
Russell, E. L., Under Clerk" " $1,380 to $1,440;
Swicker, J. J., Clerk, " " $1,560 to $1,620.

Effective March 16, 1928.

O'Reilly, Miss Mary M., Administrative Officer, promoted from $3,800 to $4,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 4th relative to a Bill entitled "An Act to establish uniformity in the granting of leave of absence to civilian employees of the executive departments and independent establishments, wherever employed".

Sections 2 and 3 do not apply to the Mint Service.

Section 5 of the proposed Act appears to this Bureau to be ambiguous. Aside from that, in the judgment of this Bureau there could appear to be no objection to the measure, as presented.

Respectfully

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Reply is acknowledged of your letter of April 3rd, requesting the views of this Department in regard to H. R. 10451, providing an Assay Office at Dahlonega, Georgia.

In the opinion of this Department, favorable consideration should not be given to this measure.

The United States Assay Offices now located in different parts of the country are readily accessible to the mining industry and are equipped to handle all ore assaying. The reasons for the establishment of Assay Offices throughout the country, which existed during the early period of our history, no longer obtain. Large smelting and refining plants are now situated within reach of all mining districts, and reliable commercial assayers are now available.

It is the policy of this Department to recommend to Congress the gradual elimination of some of the Assay Offices now maintained by the Government, and the establishment of an Assay Office at Dahlonega, Georgia, would be wholly adversive to this policy.

It will be recalled that an Assay Office was formerly maintained at Charlotte, North Carolina, and that it was closed, with the consent of Congress, in 1913.

The bill provides for the payment of a Superintendent, but no provision is made for technical assistants, and an Assay Office could not be conducted properly by one man. The bill makes no adequate appropriation for equipment in the form of machinery, assay balances and fine technical instruments required for such work; the bill makes no adequate provision for supplies requisite in assaying ores.

It may be added that the Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that the proposed legislation is in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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April 17, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,276,352,226
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,602,158
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	300,621,784
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	115,850,498
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,232,426,666

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
for R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1928.

Honorable Frederick M. Lehlbach,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Lehlbach:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of April 11th, inclosing a letter addressed to you by L. Lelong & Bro., Inc., in which they complain of reports made by the New York Assay Office on samples of gold submitted to that Office for assay.

I have had the Director of the Mint investigate this case, and he reports that it is the invariable custom of the New York Assay Office to place on the assay slip reporting the assay a transcript of the marks on the samples as received. The two pieces of dental solder were marked: "Lelong 1/3 K. 3/4 Pt."

For your more satisfactory information, I am inclosing a copy of the assay slip in question.

As many samples of this class are received from individuals, dental laboratories and jewelers, it is highly important that the Assay Office keep an accurate record of the markings as submitted for the purpose of reliable identification.

It is obvious that samples from more than one source might be marked with the name "Lelong", and the Assay Office would be unable to identify the name with any particular firm.

As indicated on the inclosed assay slip, the fineness and metal content of the samples submitted did not come up to the claimed fineness and metal content.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

April 18, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 15th, your file number LA 3F9.515/40, relative to proposed coinage for the Republic of Panama.

I take pleasure in advising you that the Director of the Mint has been instructed to proceed with this coinage as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 19, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from this Department dated March 23, 1928, and to your reply dated April 16, 1928, approving the execution of certain coinage for the Republic of Panama, I have the honor to request that this Department be instructed as to the weights of the individual coins to be manufactured in order that the Representative of the Government of Panama may be notified of the quantities of metals to be delivered to the Philadelphia Mint by the Agent of the Panama Government.

It is, of course, understood that the costs of coinage indicated in our letter of March 23, 1928, did not include the costs of metals.

It is further requested that this Department be advised of the name of the Agent who is to receive and make payment for the coins at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 26, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of April 20th in reference to my letter of April 13th, opposing the passage of H. R. 12451, a Bill to establish an Assay Office at Dahlonega, Georgia.

In order to establish properly an Assay Office, at least four people would be required; an Assayer in Charge, an Assistant Assayer, (both to be technical men), a Watchman and Helper, and one Clerk. On the basis of the present salaries and wages paid to officers and employees in the minor Assay Offices, the cost of maintaining the personnel of the proposed Assay Office would be $7,260. per annum.

The fixed charges, including rent, power, heat, light, water and gas, would be approximately $2,400. per annum.

The most conservative estimate which can be made as to the cost of equipping an Assay Office properly would be about $7,000. This would include motors, melting furnaces, assay furnaces, balances, platinum parting dishes, assay supplies, laboratory furniture and office supplies and furniture.

It is obvious that the amount included for consumable supplies would have to be provided annually.

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As the operations of an Assay Office require the melting of metals, special construction as to flues and chimneys would have to be provided. The cost of this special building construction is not included in the above figures.

These estimates are based upon the assumption that the proposed Assay Office is intended to be utilized as a receiving station for the purchase of gold by the Government; as is the case in the existing minor Assay Offices.

I submit for your consideration the following statement:

Production of Gold in Georgia:

1924 - - - - - - 25 ounces;
1925 - - - - - - 460 ounces;
1926 - - - - - - 140 ounces;
1927 - - - - - - 15 ounces.

It is submitted that there is absolutely no justification for the establishment of an Assay Office in a State remote from the gold mining industry and which produced fifteen ounces of gold last year.

I am most emphatically of the opinion that this Bill should not be given favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on
Coinage, Weights
and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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April 26, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 26th, (LA 822.515/ 36), in connection with the matter of coinage of silver bullion for the Government of Ecuador, previously referred to in communications of December 8, 1927, February 21 and February 28, 1928, and inclosing a copy of a translation of a note dated April 21, 1928, from Mr. Muntilla of the Legation of Ecuador, requesting the coinage of certain nickel money for Ecuador, and stating that the National Bank of Commerce in New York had been authorized by the present governmental regime in Ecuador to negotiate in all particulars with the United States Mint.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed with this nickel coinage for Ecuador upon the terms quoted in our letter of December 13, 1927, and that as a matter of courtesy, the Mint will extend the necessary facilities to the National Bank of Commerce of New York.

It is further understood that the transaction will be regarded as purely commercial and involve no political consequences, the present governmental regime in Ecuador not being recognized by the United States Government.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 1, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended April 30, 1928, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to April 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no change in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended April 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

There is submitted herewith a request for an appropriation of $1,500. to cover the cost of the preparation and striking of the medal for Colonel Lindbergh.

This estimate is tendered in accordance with the authority contained in Public Resolution No. 39, Seventieth Congress, First Session, approved May 4, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your circular letter of May 4th relative to Commercial Telephone Directories, I beg to state that the proposed rules for listing will meet the needs of this Bureau.

Respectfully

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval a photograph of a model of the 50-cent silver pieces, authorized by the Act of March 7, 1928, to be issued in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain James Cook, and for the purpose of aiding in establishing a Captain James Cook memorial collection in the archives of the Territory of Hawaii.

The designs were modelled by the sculptor, Chester Beach.

The weight, composition and dimensions of the coins are to be the same as prescribed for the regular 50-cent silver pieces.

The designs, as to artistic merit, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved: May 8, 1928.

Ga. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 5, 1928.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 4th, asking for an expression of the opinion of this Department relative to H. R. 13608, a Bill to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the enactment of the Act of Congress, approved by the President on May 25, 1926, providing for the establishment, in the State of Kentucky, of the Mammoth Cave National Park.

As your Committee is aware, the attitude of the Treasury Department toward special coins is adverse, and I cannot do better than to reiterate the reasons already given to your Committee in opposing similar legislation in the past.

In my judgment the coinage should not be commercialized to finance any project or commemorate any other events than those of great national importance to all of the people. The policy of issuing special coins opens the way to counterfeiting and makes the protection of the integrity of our coinage exceedingly difficult. The issue of special coins is not in the interest of the general public and usually satisfies a very limited demand. The practice introduces confusion into our system of coinage, is an unnecessary expense, and, as actual results have shown, special coins are not liked by the public. They are seldom absorbed for circulation.

Recent issues of special coins have been, almost without exception, entire failures as a source of profit to the organizations bringing about the legislation. So many special coins have been issued within the last few years that the public is in no way interested in them or impressed by them.

Section 3510, R. S., requires that designs of United States coins may be changed not oftener than once in twenty-five years. The purpose of this section of the Revised Statutes would appear to be defeated entirely by the constant issue of coins of special designs.

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I am again submitting for your consideration the following statement relative to recent issues of special coins:

Special Coins.	No. Authorized	No. Struck	No. Returned
Maine half dollar	100,000	50,000	
Pilgrim " "	300,000	300,000	60,000
Missouri " "	250,000	50,000	25,600
Alabama " "	100,000	70,000	4,000 (1)
Grant " "	250,000	100,000	28,400
Monroe Doctrine half dollar	300,000	274,000	217,000 (2)
Huguenot-Walloon half dollar	300,000	142,000	65,000 (3)
Vancouver half dollar	300,000	50,000	55,000
Sesquicentennial half dollar	1,000,000	1,000,000	420,000 (4)
Stone Mountain half dollar	5,000,000	12,514,000	
Oregon Trail half dollar	4,000,000	196,000	

(1) Destroyed at the Mint; not returned.
(2) On hand at close of Exposition; later offered at face value.
(3) 24,000 additional coins not called for.
(4) 420,000 coins remaining at the Mint; not called for, destroyed.

I am strongly of the opinion that favorable consideration should not be given this Bill.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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May 14, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,302,780,224
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,962,807
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	300,562,556
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	116,163,425
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,259,469,012

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 14th, requesting the views of this Office respecting S 3116, providing for half holidays on Saturdays throughout the year for certain laborers, helpers, skilled and semi skilled workmen, and mechanics.

In the judgment of this Bureau, this Bill should not receive favorable consideration. Employees in the various institutions of the Mint Service, made up of laborers, helpers, skilled and semiskilled workmen and mechanics are required for the continuous operation of Mint business. All operations of the Mint Service are coordinating, and a half holiday granted to the classes of men named would totally disrupt the organization of our Service. It would be a serious interference with the business of the Mint Service to permit such holidays.

I am very strongly of the opinion that the measure should not be passed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant, Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, has requested authority for the purchase of a small quantity of first-aid supplies as replenishment for their first-aid cabinet.

I have therefore to request your approval for the purchase of such supplies as gauze dressings, bandages, antiseptics, etc., not to exceed $20.00 in value, from the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1928

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 12th, asking for my views in regard to H. R. 13694, a Bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare and strike a medal, with appropriate emblems, devices, and inscriptions thereon, commemorative of the enactment of the Act of Congress, approved by the President on May 25, 1926, providing for the establishment, in the State of Kentucky, of the Mammoth Cave National Park.

This Department would interpose no objection to the enactment of this legislation.

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that this report is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Randolph Perkins,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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May 22, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 17th referring to your communications concerning the desire of the Government of Panama to have certain nickel coins manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint, and inclosing a translation of a note from the Minister of Panama.

The following is submitted covering the costs of this coinage:

500,000 - 5 centesimos	at	$3.50	per	1,000	pieces	- $1,750.
1,000,000 - 2 1/2 "	"	3.25	"	"	"	- 3,250.
						$5,000.

It will require 40 kegs to pack these coins for shipment, which we estimate can be purchased at about $1.95 each. This estimate is based on price paid for kegs a short time ago.

The metal required in this coinage will be as follows:

	Avoirdupois Pounds of Nickel	Avoirdupois Pounds of Copper
500,000- 5 centesimos - -	1,377.8571	4,153.5714
1,000,000- 2 1/2 " - -	1,837.1431	5,511.4286
	3,215.0002	9,645.0000

This metal can be furnished by the Mint at prices quoted in the open market at the time sale is made, or it can be purchased in the open market on competitive bids by the Mint for the Government of Panama.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to May 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended May 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, that the business of this Bureau for the month ended May 31, 1928, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1926.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reference to your circular letter of June 1st, it is requested that tickets be issued for the following named members of the staff of this Bureau for the meeting of the Business Organization of the Government on Monday, June 11, 1928, at 6:30 P. M.:

Honorable R. J. Grant;
Miss M. M. O'Reilly;
Mr. S. B. Frantz;
Mr. T. J. Quirk;
Mr. A. C. Probey.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 4th, (DA 816.515/98), inclosing a copy of a translation of a note dated May 25th, addressed to you by the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Republic of Salvador, requesting the manufacture of the following nickel coins:

Number of coins	Denomination	Weight in grams	Diameter in millimeters	Percentage of nickel	Percentage of copper
5,000,000	1 centavo	2.50	16	25%	75%

In accordance with our letter of November 27, 1923, this coinage of one-centavo pieces will be executed at the rate of $5.50 per 1,000 pieces.

This price does not include the cost of the metal, nor does it include the cost of containers required in packing the coins for shipment.

The coinage will be executed at the United States Mint at San Francisco some time early in the coming fiscal year.

It is understood that the Consul of Salvador , Senor Dr. Don Federico Valdes, is to act as the Agent of the Republic of Salvador for the receipt and packing of the coins and payment therefor at the United States Mint at San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

Mark Wells

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 8, 1928

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payments for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925.

The Bankers Magazine, New York,
Commercial and Financial Chronicle,
El Economista, Madrid,
The Engineering and Mining Journal,
Federal Statues Annotated, Supplement,
The Bankers Magazine, London,
The Mining Journal,
The Economist,
The Statist,
The Monetary Times, Toronto, Canada,
The Far Eastern Review, Shanghai, China,
South Africian Mining Journal, Johannesburg, South Africa,
Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

approved

(Sgd) Henry Heinich Bond
Asst Sec.

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June 8, 1928.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of May 31st, inclosing a communication addressed to you by Colonel Edward Clifford regarding the medal to be presented to Lincoln Ellsworth, authorized by S. 4919.

The Act carries no provision for an appropriation; therefore, nothing can be done in this matter until Congress reconvenes, when, it is presumed, the necessary appropriation will be granted.

The intention of Congress is not indicated as to which Department shall administer the Act, but if it is desired that the Treasury Department shall do so, the medal can be prepared at the Philadelphia Mint, after Congress passes the necessary appropriation.

Since, as Colonel Clifford suggests, certain medals have been heretofore prepared under the direction of the War Department, it is possible that you may wish to take this matter up with that Department.

Colonel Clifford's letter to you is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Everett Sanders,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

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June 11, 1928.

Chief Clerk and Classification Officer,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of May 31st, there are inclosed classification sheets for two positions in this Bureau coming within the scope of the circular letter of the Personnel Classification Board.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,319,073,558
Silver dollars - - - - - - -	559,962,807
Subsidiary silver - - - - -	293,261,748
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	116,478,611
Total - - - - - - - - -	2,274,776,724

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of June 14th, I beg to state that it is believed that this Bureau will not require any purchases under the heading "Contingent Expenses, Treasury Department", during the fiscal year 1930.

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1928.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

W. M. Corbett

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-S
Encl.

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June 29, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to a letter of the United States Civil Service Commission, dated June 25, 1928, relative to the case of Otto Schwartz whose reinstatement as Guard at the New York Assay Office has been recommended.

Mr. Schwartz was appointed a Helper in the New York Assay Office on February 20, 1923, and continued in that capacity until September 15, 1926, when he resigned without delinquency.

Schedule D, Subdivision 2, of Department Circular #16, dated April 16, 1918, includes watchmen and helpers. As it is desired to employ Mr. Schwartz as a Guard, (whose duties are very similar to those of a watchman), this Bureau would request to be advised as to whether or not he would be considered as eligible for appointment to the position of Guard which is in the same schedule as that in which he was formerly employed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1928.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning July 1, 1928, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 2, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended June 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to June 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of July 9th relative to gasoline, I beg to state that the Mint Service does not use gasoline, either for fuel or for motor vehicles.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 3rd, LA 818.515/46, inclosing a copy and translation of a note dated June 23rd, 1928, from the Costa Rican Charge d'Affaires ad interim, relative to the manufacture of certain coins at the Philadelphia Mint for the Government of Costa Rica.

In this connection, the following is submitted:

The 25,000 two colones pieces can be made at the Philadelphia Mint at a cost of $35.00 per thousand pieces, which charge includes the cost of the alloy, but not the cost of the bullion.

It is understood that these two colones pieces are of the same design and of the same weight and fineness as those made at the Philadelphia Mint in 1926. The Mint has in its possession the dies for these two colones pieces.

The price quoted includes working dies, but does not include the cost of the containers needed to pack the coins for shipment.

The above mentioned coinage will require 1,125.567 fine ounces of gold, with a value of $23,267.54.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 11, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 20th, FA 811.515/521, inclosing a copy of a note and a questionnaire received by you from the Embassy of Japan, and in response thereto, I beg to submit the following:

A. Dollar, 1878. Obverse, Head of Liberty to left, with liberty cap, the band of which is inscribed LIBERTY; in hair, cotton bolls and wheat heads; around, * * * * * * * E PLURIBUS UNUM * * * * * *; below, 1878. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An eagle, with wings displayed erect, the head turned to left, an olive branch in right claw and three arrows in left, within an olive wreath; above, in straight line, IN GOD WE TRUST; below, ONE DOLLAR. Reeded edge. Size, 24; weight, 412 1/2 grains. By Morgan.

B. Dollar, 1794. Obverse, * * * * * * * * LIBERTY * * * * * * *. Bust of Liberty to right, with loose hair hanging on neck; below, 1795. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An eagle, with wings displayed, the head turned to right, standing upon a rock; the whole within an olive wreath. Edge, HUNDRED * * * * * CENTS * * * * *
ONE * * DOLLAR * * OR * * UNIT * * * * *.
Size, 24 1/2; weight, 416 grains. Robert Scott, Mint Engraver.

C. Double-eagle, 1907. Obverse, LIBERTY. Liberty with long, loose hair, standing facing, on right foot, the left raised and resting upon a rock, in front of which lies an oak branch; she holds a torch in her right hand and an olive branch in the left; in the distance to left, the Capitol of the United States; to right, the date, M. C. M. VII. and beneath the date ASG (Augustus Saint-Gaudens) in monogram; in background, rising sun; the whole within a circle of forty-six stars. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TWENTY DOLLARS. An eagle flying to left athwart the rays of the rising sun. Edge, E * PLURIBUS * UNUM * * * * * * * * * * * * Size, 21; 516 grains.

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D. Dollar, 1840. Obverse, Liberty, wearing Greek chiton, with neck and arms bare, seated to right upon a rock, the head turned to left; she holds in left hand a pole surmounted by liberty cap, the right hand supporting the shield of the United States which rests upon the ground by her side; across the shield is a scroll inscribed LIBERTY; beneath, 1840. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An eagle, with wings displayed inverted; an olive branch in right claw and arrows in left; below, ONE DOL. Reeded edge. Size, 24. Christian Gobrecht, Mint Engraver.

E. Trade Dollar, 1873. Obverse, Liberty, with diadem, wearing Greek chiton, her neck and arms bare, seated to left upon a bale of goods by the sea; holds a branch of olive in extended right hand and in her left, which hangs by her side, a scroll on which, LIBERTY; behind and leaning against the bale of goods, sheaf of wheat; beneath the bale, a scroll inscribed IN GOD WE TRUST; around, thirteen stars; below, 1873. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An eagle with wings displayed inverted, the head turned to right, three arrows in right claw and olive branch in left; above, on a scroll, E PLURIBUS UNUM; beneath the eagle, 420 grains 900 fine, and on margin, TRADE DOLLAR. Reeded edge. Size, 24. William Barber, Mint Engraver.

F. Half Dollar, 1916. The design of the half dollar bears a full-length figure of Liberty, the folds of the Stars and Stripes flying to the breeze as a background, progressing in full stride toward the dawn of a new day, carrying branches of laurel and oak, symbolical of civil and military glory. The hand of the figure is outstretched in bestowal of the spirit of liberty. The reverse shows an eagle perched high upon a mountain crag, his wings unfolded, fearless in spirit and conscious of his power. Springing from a rift in the rock is a sapling of mountain pine, symbolical of America. Designed by Mr. Adolph A. Weinman.

G. Quarter dollar, 1838. Obverse, Liberty, wearing Greek chiton, with neck and arms bare, seated to right upon a rock, the head turned to left; she holds in left hand a pole surmounted by liberty cap, the right hand supporting the shield of the United States; across the shield is a scroll inscribed LIBERTY; around, thirteen stars; below, 1838. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An eagle with wings displayed inverted, grasping olive branch in right claw and arrows in left; below, QUAR. DOL. Reeded edge. Size, 15. William Kneass, Mint Engraver.

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H. Eagle, 1907. Head of an Indian girl to left, with feather bonnet, the band of which is inscribed LIBERTY; above, thirteen stars; below, 1907. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An eagle, standing to left, upon a bundle of arrows on which lies an olive branch; to right, E PLURIBUS UNUM; below, TEN DOLLARS. Edge, 46 stars. By Saint-Gaudens.

I. Two Cents, 1864. Obverse, Garnished shield of the United States over two arrows in saltire; olive branches hang from the top and down sides of the shield; on a scroll above, IN GOD - WE - TRUST; below, 1864. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Within a wreath of wheat, 2 Cents. Size, 14. James B. Longacre, Mint Engraver.

J. Cent, 1909. Obverse, Bust of Abraham Lincoln to right; above, IN GOD WE TRUST; to left, LIBERTY; to right, 1909. Reverse, ONE CENT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA between two wheat heads; above, E PLURIBUS UNUM;; below, on margin, V. D. B. (Initials of Mr. Victor D. Brenner, Designer).

K. Five Cents, 1883. Obverse, Head of Liberty to left, with fillet inscribed LIBERTY, and with cotton bolls andwheat heads in hair; around, thirteen stars; below, 1883. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Roman numeral V within wreath of cotton and corn; below, E PLURIBUS UNUM. Size, 14 1/2. By C. E. Barber.

L. Five Cents, 1913. The features of the piece, in addition to the inscriptions required by law, are an Indian head for the obverse and a buffalo for the reverse. The is distinctively characteristic of America, and in its execution promises to take high artistic rank among the coinages of the world. It seems peculiarly appropriate that the Indian and buffalo should be associated permanently in a national memorial, and there can be no better form for such memorial than a popular coin. Designer, Mr. James E. Fraser.

M. Cent, 1886. Obverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An Indian head to left, with feather bonnet, on band of which is LIBERTY; below, 1886. Reverse, ONE CENT within an oak wreath, with three arrows inserted under the ribbon that binds the two branches of the wreath; above, between the ends of the branches, shield of the United States. Size, 12; weight, 48 grains. Chas. Barber, Mint Engraver.

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N. Dime, 1916. The design of the dime, owing to the smallness of the coin, has been held quite simple. The obverse shows a head of Liberty with winged cap. The head is firm and simple in form, the profile forceful. The reverse shows a design of the bundle of rods, with battle-ax, known as "Fasces", and symbolical of unity, wherein lies the Nation's strength. Surrounding the fasces is a full-foliaged branch of olive, symbolical of peace. Designer, Mr. Adolph A. Weinman.

O. Five Cents, 1866. Obverse, Garnished shield of the United States, with olive branch hanging from the top and down each side; back of the base, two arrows, crossed; above, IN GOD WE TRUST; below, 1866. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Numeral 5 within a circle of thirteen stars interspersed with thirteen rays; below, CENTS. Edge, plain. Size, 13. James B. Longacre, Mint Engraver.

P. Dime, 1837. Obverse, Liberty, wearing Greek chiton, with neck and arms bare, seated to right upon a rock, her head turned to left; she holds in left hand a pole surmounted by liberty cap, the right hand supporting the shield of the United States; on a scroll across the shield, LIBERTY; below, 1837. Reverse, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Within an olive wreath, ONE DIME. Edge, reeded. Size, 11 1/2. By Gobrecht.

Respectfully,

[illegible] Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 16, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your circular letter of July 9th transmitting a communication from the Chief Coordinator, beg to state that this Bureau is in agreement with the policy outlined in the letter of the Chief Coordinator relative to the licensing of patents loaned or controlled by the Government.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peck

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,328,979,215
Silver dollars - - - - - - -	539,962,807
Subsidiary silver- - - - - -	299,009,051
Minor- - - - - - - - - - - -	116,694,352
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,284,645,425

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-A

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July 18, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the directions in your circular letter of June 27, 1928, there is submitted herewith, on the form provided by you, an inventory of unexpendable property on hand in this Bureau as of June 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1926.

My dear Mrs. Warburton:

Upon receipt of your letter of July 24th, written in behalf of Miss Anna R. Kilpatrick, an employee at the Philadelphia Mint, I immediately took the case up with the Director of the Mint. I find that Miss Kilpatrick is now carried as a Helper at $4.80 per diem.

The position to be made vacant by the retirement of Miss Williamson is that of a Clerk and, under the rules of the United States Civil Service Commission, we would not be allowed to advance Miss Kilpatrick from the position of Helper to that of Clerk.

I have, however, told the Director of the Mint to instruct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that, should an occasion arise by which he could further advance Miss Kilpatrick, this Department would be very glad to approve such recommendation.

Yours very truly,

Ogden L. Mills

Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, President,
Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women,
2024 Sansom Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 28, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 27th, LA 816.615/48, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Costa Rica.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint has been instructed to proceed with the manufacture of 25,000 gold pieces of 2 colones each.

It is understood that these coins are to be the same design and of the same weight and fineness as those made at the Philadelphia Mint in 1926.

It is also noted that the National City Bank of New York will supply the requisite gold and assume all charges in connection with this coinage.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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July 30, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 28th, LA 851.515/56, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Venezuela.

This coinage can be executed by the Philadelphia Mint upon the following terms:

No. of pieces	Denomination	Fineness Silver	Price per thousand pieces
800,000	5 Bolivars	900	$10.00
1,500,000	2 "	835	6.50
2,500,000	1 "	835	4.50
400,000	1/2 "	835	3.25
1,200,000	1/4 "	835	3.00
		Composition	
800,000	12½ Centimos	75% copper, 25% nickel	2.75
2,000,000	5 "	ditto	2.00

The above prices include the cost of working dies and of alloy copper. Silver, metal for minor coins, and kegs for shipping will be extra charges.

METAL REQUIRED

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Fine Ozs. Silver	Avoirdupois Pounds Nickel	Avoirdupois Pounds Copper
800,000	5 Bolivars	578,700.00		
1,500,000	2 "	402,678.75		
2,500,000	1 "	555,555.63		
400,000	1/2 "	26,845.25		
1,200,000	1/4 "	40,267.87		
800,000	12½ Centimos		2,204.5714	6,615.7142
2,000,000	5 "		2,755.7143	8,267.1429
	Totals	1,564,057.50	4,960.2857	14,880.8571

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It is understood that the Minister of Venezuela has advised your Department that his Government has commissioned the Bank of Venezuela to arrange through the Guaranty Trust Company of New York to receive and make payment for these coins when they are completed at the Philadelphia Mint.

Upon receipt of advice that these terms are satisfactory to the Government of Venezuela, the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed as early as practicable with the execution of this coinage.

Respectfully,

(Sgd)

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Henry Herrick Bond

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August 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that an employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to July 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1926.

Chief Clerk, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1926, I have to report the following increases in salary for the personnel of this Bureau, effective July 1st.

Honorable R. T. Grant,	CAF 13 to 14,	$5,000 to	$5,500;
Miss M. M. O'Reilly,	CAF 11 to 12,	4,000 to	4,600;
S. B. Franklin,	CAF 10,	3,700 to	3,800;
E. T. Algeo,	CAF 3,	1,560 to	1,620;
J. T. Bryant,	P-T 5,	1,320 to	1,440;
J. W. Donnelly Jr.,	CAF 4,	1,620 to	1,800;
E. A. Hays,	P-T 5,	1,860 to	2,000;
E. A. Hassan,	CAF 4,	2,040 to	2,100;
A. G. Probey,	CAF 5,	2,200 to	2,400;
H. J. Quirk,	P 5,	5,200 to	5,400;
H. T. Rieder,	CAF 5,	1,250 to	1,500;
E. S. Russell,	CAF 1,	1,440 to	1,500;
G. L. Schwartz,	CAF 6,	2,600 to	2,700;
J. F. Whitaker,	CAF 3,	1,680 to	1,740.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1928.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6th, LA 822.515/40, inclosing a copy of a note dated July 30, 1928, from the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Ecuador, asking for the execution of certain bronze coinage.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed with this bronze coinage for Ecuador upon the terms quoted in our letter of December 15, 1927, as follows:

BRONZE COINAGE

Denomination	No. of Pieces	Diameter	Weight	Content
1 centavo	5,000,000	20.5	3.5 grams	95% copper 5% tin and zinc.

The cost of this coinage would be $2.25 per 1,000 pieces.

The amount of metal required would be as follows:

36,651.00 avoirdupois pounds electrolytic copper,
385.80 avoirdupois pounds tin,
1,543.20 avoirdupois pounds zinc.

The above metal would have to be supplied to the Philadelphia Mint by Ecuador.

It is understood that this transaction will be regarded as purely commercial and involve no political consequences, the present governmental regime in Ecuador not being recognized by the United States Government.

Kegs for packing and shipping would be further charges against Ecuador.

It is further understood that the National Bank of Commerce of New York is the Agent named by the Charge d'Affaires ad interim to receive and make payment for these bronze coins at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Henry Lund Bank

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

August 8, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing.

Sir:

In accordance with Department Circular No. 565, December 2, 1925, I have the honor to inclose return for the period January 1, 1928, to June 30, 1928, covering transportation requests issued to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to permit Mr. Samuel George Phillips to visit the Mint for the purpose of copying the portrait of Mr. Henry W. DeSaussure now hanging in the Mint Building.

The provision of Department Circular No. 179, January 6, 1920, which prohibits the taking of "any photograph of any character, in or of any division, section, room, vault, or other place where any 'obligation or other security of the United States' is produced", etc., is hereby waived for this particular occasion.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 17, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The letter of the United States Civil Service Commission, dated August 1, 1928, relative to Allen M. Webb is returned with a copy of the record of this man's appointment.

The records indicate that Mr. Webb was transferred from the Custodian Service at Denver to the United States Mint at Denver as a Laborer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

August 21, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,326,834,138
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,962,807
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	299,179,598
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	116,792,794
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,282,769,337

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 477

August 28, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 25, 1928, enclosing Chief Coordinator's Bulletin No. 52, Supplement No. 5, dated August 20, 1928, concerning contract award for envelopes, please be advised that all envelopes for the Mint Bureau and its field service offices are supplied by the Division of Supplies, to which division you are referred for the information requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

H-S

August 28, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the last paragraph of my letter of August 18, 1928, be amended to provide a compensation of $5.15 per diem, instead of $4.75 per diem, for Mr. Allen M. Webb, an employee of the Denver Mint.

Mr. Webb's compensation was increased on July 1, 1928, from $4.75 to $5.15, under the provisions of the Act of May 28, 1928, and our letter of August 18th should have so indicated.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

August 28, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24th, (TA 811.515/525), inclosing a questionnaire from the Japanese Embassy concerning certain United States coins, for use by the Japanese Mint in making a study of foreign coinage.

I take pleasure in inclosing the questionnaire, together with a schedule of coins executed during the calendar year 1927.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 28, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24th, (TA 811.515/525), inclosing a questionnaire from the Japanese Embassy concerning certain United States coins, for use by the Japanese Mint in making a study of foreign coinage.

I take pleasure in inclosing the questionnaire, together with a schedule of coins executed during the calendar year 1927.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

August 31, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith for submission to His Excellency, the Minister of Panama, sample strikes in soft metal from dies prepared for the Government of Panama, to be used in coinage covered by your letter of May 17, 1928, (LA 319.5/5/43), inclosing a note from the Panaman Minister.

Under date of May 14, 1928, the Consul General of Panama at New York requested that these samples be forwarded when struck to the Minister of Panama at this Capital for his inspection and approval.

Under date of May 22, 1928, this Department addressed a letter to you, giving the terms upon which this coinage could be executed at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

September 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to August 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

September 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended August 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

September 8, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of September 7th, relative to a request of the White House for a list of officials for the Social Register, the following is submitted:

Honorable and Mrs. R. J. Grant, Wardman Park Hotel.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

September 11, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. Roy T. Elgate be allowed one day's leave of absence without pay.

Mr. Elgate has used his annual and sick leave, and his absence for this day without pay was unavoidable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

September 13, 1928.

The Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Loans and Currency)
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Revised estimate of the stock of domestic coin in the United States, as of June 30, 1928, is given below:

Gold coin - - - - - - - -	$1,323,589,679
Silver dollars - - - - - -	539,961,701
Subsidiary silver coin -	299,010,231
Minor coin - - - - - - - -	116,688,811
Total - - - - - - - - -	2,285,250,422

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

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CC-SRM

September 13, 1928.

The Director,
Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

It would be appreciated if this office could secure by transfer from the Mint Service approximately two inches of platinum wire, B. & S., gauge 13.

This wire is to be used for contact points on the Bankers' Electric Protective System connected to the money vaults in the Treasury Building and as it is to be used for official purposes, it is hoped that it can be transferred to the Department without exchange of funds.

Respectfully.

F. A. BIRGFELD
Chief Clerk.

Bureau of the Mint, September 14, 1928.

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office, New York, N. Y., with the request that the platinum wire above asked for be forwarded to the Chief Clerk, Treasury Department, without exchange of funds, and that the same be deducted from the inventory of platinum.

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

September 18, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1928, is given below:

Gold	1,525,999,038
Silver dollars	559,951,701
Subsidiary silver	299,727,476
Minor	177,037,951
Total	2,562,716,216

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-A

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RG104 E-235 Vol 477

September 20, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 19th, (LA 819.515/43), referring to a communication from this Department dated March 23, 1928, relative to the execution of certain coinage for the Republic of Panama.

It is noted that the metal strikes of the nickel coins submitted to the Consul General of Panama at New York have been found by him to be according to instructions.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to direct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with this coinage as soon as possible.

This coinage is to be executed at the rates indicated in our letter of March 23, 1928, as follows:

500,000 - 5 centimo nickel coins, $15.50 per M pieces;
1,000,000 - 2½ " " " 15.25 " " "

These costs include working dies.

The cost of preparing a master die and hub for this coinage will be $100.00 each, or a total of $200.00.

The above prices include packing charges, but do not include the cost of containers required for shipment of the coins. It will require 40 kegs to pack these coins, which we estimate can be purchased at about $1.95 each. This estimate is based on price paid for kegs a short time ago.

Respectfully,

for

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 1, 1928.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 405, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 1, 1928.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning October 1, 1928, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

A. W. Mellon
Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. D. Circular No. 6, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended September 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to September 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1928, that the business of the Mint Service for the quarter ended September 30, 1928, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 8, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration designs for the Thomas A. Edison medal, authorized by Joint Resolution of Congress dated May 29, 1928. The designs were executed by Mr. John R. Sinnock of 2032 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The designs, as to their artistic merits, have the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

Director of the Mint.

Approved: October 8, 1928.

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 12, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Through inadvertence in this office, the change in title of Mr. Samuel R. Whitaker, to which reference is made in the attached letter, dated October 9, 1928, from the Superintendent of the Denver Mint, was not indicated on the list submitted by your Division, Form 212.

As a result, it will be necessary for us to request that a new bond in the sum of $5,000 be made for execution by Mr. Whitaker, with his correct title as Foreman of the Ingot Melting Room, to which position he was appointed September 16, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 15, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of August 20, 1928, Circular No. 27, I am forwarding herewith questionnaires covering field classification for transmission to the Personnel Classification Board.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 16, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of October 8th relative to Government Standard Contract Forms, I beg to state that this Bureau has no amendments to suggest at this time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 17, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 8th with regard to patent rights on inventions by Government employees, I have read the memorandum from the Department of Justice very carefully, and my suggestion would be as follows: That any employee who has brains and ambition enough to improve any of the methods or machinery used by the Government should be entitled to some consideration. The Government should get the full benefit of these improvements without cost. The employee should receive the benefits of outside use for the reason that it would encourage such enterprise and for the further reason that the employee would not be inclined to use Government time in furtherance of his inventions and then sell them on the outside without the knowledge of the Government.

I think that employees in the Government Service should be accorded all the encouragement possible in their efforts to improve methods and machinery.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 16, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose the account of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint covering the cost of the manufacture of a medal commemorative of the achievements of Mr. Thomas A. Edison in the last century, in accordance with Public Resolution #66, 70th Congress, First Session, approved May 29, 1928; payment for this medal to be made from "Special Deposit Account #3".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 19, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 16th, Ba 851.515/59, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Venezuela.

It is noted that attention has been called to the price of coining one bolivar pieces as quoted in our letter of July 30, 1928, namely, $4.50 per M pieces.

It is true that prior coinages of this denomination, executed for Venezuela, were at the rate of $4.00 per M pieces, and that our quotation of July 30, 1928, is in excess of this price. The increase in coinage price of this one denomination is made to equalize the increased cost of labor now being paid over the rates paid in previous years.

Attention is also called to the statement in our letter of July 30, 1928, to the effect that the cost of coinage includes the cost of working dies.

It is true that the Philadelphia Mint now has in its custody the master dies for all Venezuelan coins, but "working dies" must be made from the master dies for the execution of the proposed coinage. The cost of preparing these working dies is included in the cost of coinage.

Respectfully,

Henry Herrick Bond
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 19, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 16th, LA 819.515/51, relative to the proposed coinage for the Republic of Panama.

The metal required in this coinage will be as follows:

	Avoirdupois Pounds of Nickel	Avoirdupois Pounds of Copper
500,000- 5 centesimos - -	1,377.8571	4,135.5714
1,000,000- 2 1/2 " - -	1,837.1431	5,511.4286
	3,215.0002	9,645.0000

The price of copper in the open market on October 17, 1928, was 15.25 cents per pound.

The price of nickel in the open market on October 13, 1928, was 37 cents per pound.

The prices of these two metals do not fluctuate very violently at the present time.

Respectfully,

Henry Herrick Bond

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 20, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of October 17th, inclosing a memorandum dated October 10, 1928, from the United States Bureau of Efficiency, I beg to state that there is no one in this Bureau qualified to submit the appraisal to which reference is made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 22, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,322,873,932
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,961,701
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - - - - -	301,495,141
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	117,309,103
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,281,639,877

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 18th, LA:818.15/40, inclosing a translation of a note dated October 11, 1928, from the Nicaraguan Minister relative to the execution of certain coinage for the Government of Nicaragua.

In response thereto, I take pleasure in stating that the Philadelphia Mint can undertake this coinage upon the following terms:

750,000 - ten centavo silver pieces at $4.50 per thousand pieces; the silver therein to be 800 fine.

The above price includes alloy copper and working dies, but it does not include kegs or boxes required for shipping purposes.

This coinage will require 46,225.00 fine ounces of silver.

It is understood that these coins will be similar to those coined for the Government of Nicaragua earlier this year, and that the National Bank of Nicaragua, Incorporated, 140 Broadway, New York, N. Y., will take charge of all expenses incidental to the execution of this proposed coinage.

Upon receipt of your further advice, the Director of the Mint will be instructed to direct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with this coinage as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 20, 1928.

The Comptroller General of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Advance decision is requested on a claim for payment involving interpretation of contract T4m-37, which contract is on file in the General Accounting Office.

Herewith please find voucher accompanied by certified bills of the claimant, Yandicott-Patterson Warehouse Corporation, their letter returning check issued thereon and the check in question, together with letter of the Officer in charge of the institution requiring and procuring the service, Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent and Disbursing Officer of the United States Mint at Denver.

The claim appears to be a just one, to be in conformity with trade practices, and I concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint that it be paid in full, without deduction. If payment in full is authorized, the approvals, etc. on the voucher form will be amended accordingly.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 29, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend increases in compensation for the following employees of the San Francisco Mint, effective November 1, 1928:

	From	To
E. D. Hawkins, Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department - - - - - - - -	$3,400	$3,700
John McCabe, Assayer - - - - - - - - - -	3,400	3,700
P. A. Kearney, Superintendent of the Coining Department - - -	3,400	3,700
J. C. Bates, Chief Clerk - - - - - - - -	3,400	3,600
M. A. Martin, Assistant Assayer - - - -	2,900	3,100
R. H. Moffett, Assayer's Assistant - -	2,400	2,600
A. R. Oliver, Assistant Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department - - -	9.27	3,100
E. J. Murphy, Junior Assayer - - - - - -	2,200	2,400

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend increases in compensation for the following employees of the Denver Mint, effective November 1, 1928:

	From	To
Oscar Hinrichs, Chief Clerk - - - - - - -	$3,400	$3,600
C. C. Malmstrom, Assayer - - - - - - - -	3,400	3,700
J. C. Wells, Superintendent of the Coining Department - - - -	3,400	3,700
J. W. Milsom, Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department - - - - - - - -	3,200	3,700

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 29, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend increases in compensation for the following employees of the Philadelphia Mint, effective November 1, 1928:

		From	To
H. D. Coleman Jr.,	Superintendent of Melting and Refining Department - -	$3,400	$3,700
W. T. Bartholomew,	Superintendent of Coining Department-	3,400	3,700
J. B. Bekfeldt,	Assayer - - - - - - - - -	3,400	3,700

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

October 27, 1928.

Honorable Charles Moore, Chairman,
The Commission of Fine Arts,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Moore:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 25th relative to the design for the Lindbergh medal, and I take pleasure in stating that the arrangement outlined in your letter in regard to the preparation of the design by Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser is in accordance with our understanding at our recent conference on this subject during your call at this Department.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to October 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

November 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1928, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended October 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

November 1, 1928.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Divsion of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is requested that an advance of $2,000.00, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1029, be placed to the credit of Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. T.

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October 31, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 23rd, Me 812.5158/60, inclosing a translation of a note, dated October 17, 1928, addressed to you by the Mexican Ambassador at this capital, requesting certain information regarding the coinage of one-dollar silver pieces.

In response to the foregoing, I have the honor to submit copies of the various provisions of law pertaining to the coinage of dollar silver pieces.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Inclosures.

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

November 2, 1926.

The Honorable

the Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st, "WA 811.2 Polish Legation", inclosing a copy of a note from the Minister of Poland together with a letter addressed by the Commercial Counselor of the Polish Legation to the Office of the Director of the Mint, asking for certain information relative to American experts having a knowledge of copper smelting and refining.

In response to the foregoing, it is suggested that the following named firms will probably be of assistance to the representative of the Polish Government in securing the information he seeks:

United States Metals Refining Company, 61 Broadway;
Nichols Copper Company, 25 Broadway;
United Metals Selling Company, 25 Broadway;
American Metal Company, 61 Broadway;
American Smelting and Refining Company, 120 Broadway;
United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company, 120 Broadway;
Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation, 115 Broadway;
All of New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

November 3, 1928.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Office of Bookkeeping & Warrants,
Treasury Dept.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is requested that an advance of $2,500.00, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1929, be placed to the credit of Frees Styer, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

November 5, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3rd, "LA 819.515/53", referring to previous correspondence relative to the coinage of certain monies for the Republic of Panama by the Philadelphia Mint.

I take pleasure in stating that work on the dies for this coinage will be expedited at the Philadelphia Mint, and that it is hoped that this coinage can be executed before the close of the current calendar year.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

November 5, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to circular letter dated May 15, 1928, from the Undersecretary of the Treasury, relative to the disposition of papers, documents, etc., in the files of the Field Offices of the Mint Service which are not needed or useful in the transaction of public business, and have no permanent or historical value, I have to submit a schedule of papers, documents, etc., which may be disposed of without detriment to the Service. The material listed represents accumulations at the United States Assay Offices at Helena, Montana, and at Salt Lake City, Utah.

ASSAY OFFICE AT HELENA

Retained copies of formal reports, 1891 - 1894, and copies of various vouchers for contingent expenditures. Weight, 100 pounds.

ASSAY OFFICE AT SALT LAKE CITY

Approximately twenty-eight pounds of miscellaneous letters.

Respectfully,

D. A. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 6th, please be advised that it is not necessary that any copies of Opinions of the Attorney General of the United States should be furnished to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

November 10, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of November 9th, "CC-HSR", I am inclosing a copy of the Standard Form of Government Lease (Real Estate).

This Form is used by the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, the only Mint Service Institution coming within the purview of your letter of November 9th or inclosure therewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

November 10, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 9th, IA 817 S15/49, relative to the execution of certain proposed coinage for the Government of Nicaragua.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint has today been instructed to direct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with this coinage at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 12, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to the circular letter of September 20th, transmitting a copy of a letter, dated September 12, 1928, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Chief of the Bureau of Efficiency, I beg to state that I have no suggestions to make as to any steps which might be taken in regard to the system employed in efficiency ratings.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 12, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 9th relative to collections for Red Cross memberships, please be advised that Mr. J. W. Donnelly Jr. has been designated by me to handle this matter for this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1928.

The Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The following is submitted in reply to letter of the Comptroller General of the United States, dated November 8, 1928, copy of which was transmitted with your memorandum dated November 9, 1928, for consideration of this office. This letter has to do with the results of inspection by representatives of the General Accounting Office, of various field fiscal establishments of the Treasury Department.

As regards paragraph 2 on page 4 of the Comptroller General's letter, will state that it appears probable a new book of 20 checks was procured for use under the Special Deposit Account after the two blank checks of the prior book had been used. It would seem that the two unused checks numbered 19 and 20 in the old check book might well be retained until required for use, since no reason appears which would warrant their cancelation. In view of the very infrequent use of these checks at the institution in question, the Carson City Mint, it would seem that indication thereon of the disbursing officer's symbol number, at the time of use, would tend to conserve the checks and adequately protect the Government's interests. It would also seem that

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the unused book might be retained without inserting the disbursing officer's symbol number until the checks are to be issued.

Concerning paragraph 3 on page 4 of the Comptroller General's letter will state that this matter was properly cared for at the end of May, 1928. The incorrect book record complained of was doubtless due to the fact that the Assayer in Charge, who performs the accounting and clerical work, had but recently assumed his duties, having never before been in Government employ, and having been without an experienced employee to guide him in these duties.

The other items mentioned in the Comptroller General's letter, which pertain to Mint Service institutions, have been brought to the attention of the officers in charge thereof, with direction that the unsatisfactory practices be discontinued.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,326,569,425
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - - -	539,961,701
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - - - -	303,240,457
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	117,642,847
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,287,414,430

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of November 17th concerning information for Doctor Harvey W. Wiley in regard to chemical laboratories, I beg to state that there are no so-called chemical laboratories in the Mint Service. Our laboratories are under the head of metallurgical and are in a class by themselves.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated November 16th by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior relative to certain identification discs, and I take pleasure in inclosing a copy of a reply in the premises written by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 22, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 21st, I beg to state that the following members of the personnel of this Bureau should have passes for the calendar year 1929:

Unlimited Passes

Miss Mary M. O'Reilly
Samuel B. Frantz
J. W. Donnelly Jr.

Limited Passes

T. J. Quirk
E. L. Russell
W. T. Reeder

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to November 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no change in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended November 30, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1928.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Divsion of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is requested that the sum of $2,500, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1929, be placed to the checking credit of Treas Styer, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 27th, LA 831.515/61, in which you refer to a letter of this Department dated October 19, 1928, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Venezuela.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint has been instructed to direct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with this coinage as early as practicable.

It is understood that the quantities, denominations and costs of this proposed coinage are as follows:

Quantity	Denomination	Price per M
800,000 - - - - - -	5 Bolivar (Silver)	$10.00
1,500,000 - - - - - -	2 " "	6.50
2,500,000 - - - - - -	1 " "	4.50
400,000 - - - - - -	1/2 " "	3.25
1,200,000 - - - - - -	1/4 " "	3.00
800,000 - - - - - -	12½ Centimos (Nickel)	2.75
2,000,000 - - - - - -	5 " "	2.00

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

December 8, 1928.

The Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to communication of this office, dated November 15, 1928, I have to advise that domestic stocks of coins, as of October 31, 1928, should be amended by reducing the amount of gold and the total in the sum of $1,300,000.00, making the items, respectively, $1,325,369,425 and $2,286,214,450.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1928.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the following promotions, effective December 15, 1928, for employees of the Denver Mint:

F. D. Belknap, Clerk, From $2,200 to $2500 per annum;
P. H. Hempel, Foreman of the Press Room,
From $7.65 to $7.95 per diem;
F. W. Tucker, Foreman of Annealing,
From $6.70 to $7.00 per diem.

The Superintendent of the Denver Mint concurs in these recommendations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1928.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your circular letter of November 23rd, inclosing correspondence received by you from the Bureau of Standards requesting information concerning test laboratories in the Treasury Department.

May I be permitted to present, as a substitute for the form in which you request this report, a statement covering the activities of the laboratories of the Mint Service?

The Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, and the Assay Office at New York test gold and silver. In addition, the New York Assay Office tests the platinum metals. Gold and silver bullion and jewelry free from platinum group metals are assayed at the Mints and Assay Offices at the following charges: Gold, $3; Silver, $3; Gold and Silver, $4. In case of plate, or what is known as rolled or filled plate, or white gold, the charges are $4 for gold and $3 for silver for each assay; or the assay may be refused at the option of the Assayer. An extra charge of $1 for each assay of gold or silver is imposed when the sample contains any platinum group metals.

The Assay Offices at Seattle, Boise, Helena, Salt Lake City, Carson and New Orleans assay ores at a charge for each metal determined, namely, for Gold, $1; Silver, $1; Lead, $1.50; Zinc, $2; Copper, $2.

The laboratory of the Bureau of the Mint has at times tested specimens of dental gold for the Veterans Bureau. This work was done without charge. The laboratory of this Bureau is not, however, equipped for doing outside work in any quantity. This laboratory is established merely for the testing of gold and silver coins before they are put out by the Mints. No commercial assaying is done at the Mint Bureau laboratory.

The equipment in the respective laboratories is what would be found in any commercial laboratory.

The list of United States Assay Offices, as appearing in the

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letter from the Bureau of Standards, is incomplete to the extent that the New York Assay Office has been omitted, also the Mint at New Orleans (conducted as an Assay Office). The Assay Office at Deadwood, South Dakota, has been closed for some time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1928.

Honorable Pat Harrison,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Harrison:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 10th, recommending the appointment of Mr. L. E. Brown of Jackson, Mississippi, as a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet next February at the Philadelphia Mint.

The appropriation for the expenses of the Assay Commission has been limited by Congress to $500. As a consequence, we shall be unable to recommend to the President the appointment of persons who live at a distance from Philadelphia. Otherwise, I would be very glad to correspond to your suggestion and recommend Mr. Brown's appointment.

Respectfully,

A W Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 15, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,306,570,837
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,961,701
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - - -	303,606,207
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	118,059,373
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,268,002,118

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1928.

Honorable W. H. McMaster,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McMaster:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 17th, recommending the appointment of Mr. Will H. Rounds of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as a Member of the Annual Assay Commission.

Due to the fact that Congress has limited the expenditures for the Assay Commission to $500., it will be impracticable for us to submit to the President a recommendation for the appointment of any person living at a distance from Philadelphia, where the Commission will meet. Otherwise, I would comply with your request with pleasure.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 1, 1929.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended December 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to December 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly
Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of the Mint Service for the quarter ended December 31, 1928, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1929.

Honorable Everett Sanders,
Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sanders:

I have your letter of January 3rd, inclosing letters from Senator John Thomas and Congressman Addison T. Smith, recommending the appointment of Mr. W. Lloyd Adams as a Member of the 1929 Assay Commission.

For the first time, the appropriation has been limited and only $500 is available for the expenses of the 1929 Commission.

It will, therefore, be impracticable for us to appoint anyone who lives at a distance from Philadelphia.

Realizing the inadequacy of this appropriation, the Department recommended that $750 be appropriated for the 1930 Assay Commission, but the Budget reduced this amount to $500.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 8, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the directions in your circular letter of December 27, 1928, there is submitted herewith, on the form provided by you, an inventory of unexpendable property on hand in this Bureau as of December 31, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1929.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit under separate cover a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. Copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables as complete as possible.

The information elicited by those interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the subjects specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., so as to reach him by October 1st. Data received after that date are too late for publication during the current year.

The cooperation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 9, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

The number of Documents received and distributed during the calendar year 1928 is submitted herewith, as follows:

Title of Publication	Number of Copies Printed	Number Distributed by the Superintendent of Documents and this Office	Number on hand with Superintendent of Documents and this Office
Proceedings of the Assay Commission for the year 1928. Document #2993	200	169	31
Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928 Document #2979	1,500	1,059	441
Catalogue of Coins of the United States Document #2612	1,000		
(Sent to the Superintendent of Documents)		800	
By Mint Bureau		15	185 (Mint)

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing, with approval, the applications of Mr. Samuel F. Clower and of Mr. Richard A. Robinson for extensions of leave on account of sickness, with the recommendation that the same be approved by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Please be advised that Mr. W. W. Grissim, a former employee of the San Francisco Mint, who received notice on December 26, 1928, of his separation from the Service under the Act of July 3, 1926, as of December 10, 1928, died on January 6, 1929.

The proper papers have been forwarded to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, to be used by the heirs of Mr. Grissim in making application for refund of retirement deductions.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 10th, LA 817.515/50, inclosing a copy and translation of a note dated January 5, 1929, from the Nicaraguan Charge d'Affaires ad interim, relative to the proposed coinage of 100,000 coins of five centavos denomination.

In response to the foregoing, I take pleasure in stating that this coinage can be made at the Philadelphia Mint, as follows:

Coinage Charges:

100,000 - 5 centavo nickel pieces, $3.50 per thousand pieces.

These coinage charges include the cost of working dies, but not the cost of metal and packing cases, which will be in addition thereto.

Metal Required:

826.7142 avoirdupois pounds of copper (electrolytic)
275.5741 avoirdupois pounds of nickel (electrolytic - 99% pure)

The Philadelphia Mint can furnish the metal required at market prices.

The Director of the Mint will be instructed to direct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with the execution of this coinage as early as practicable after the order is placed therefor.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

January 18, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of December 31, 1928, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,314,035,486
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - - -	304,398,571
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	118,618,677
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,277,014,509

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 23, 1929.

Mr. Claude Hamilton,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on Wednesday, February 13, 1929, at 10 o'clock.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 23, 1929.

Mr. Samuel R. Earl,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 13, 1929.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed.

Will you please advise this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 23, 1929.

Mr. W. F. Meggers,
Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 13, 1929.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 25, 1929.

Professor Walter Taggart,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 13, 1929.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 23, 1929.

Mr. H. C. Moulton,
245 West 75th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The President has appointed you a member of the Annual Assay Commission which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, February 13, 1929.

The sessions of the Commission last about three days. No compensation is allowed, but actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, by the most direct route to and from Philadelphia, and while in attendance upon the sessions of the Commission, will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929, upon an account of the same being rendered by you.

Will you please notify this Department whether or not you can serve.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 28, 1929.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

It has been learned from the Bulletin of the Banco Central de Chile that a new monetary law became effective in Chile on November 28, 1928.

I have the honor to request that a copy of the new monetary law, or data indicating the composition and weight of the new coins be supplied to this Department for the use of the Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to January 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended January 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1929.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 26, 1929, enclosing a copy of a despatch from the American Minister at Dublin, relative to the new monetary system of the Irish Free State, and transmitting a set of the new Irish Free State Coins.

The statements covering the history of the new monetary laws of the Irish Free State are of interest to this Department in its review of monetary systems of the different countries of the world.

The set of coins which was presented to the Legation by the Minister for External Affairs, has been placed in the Numismatic Collection of the United States now in the custody of the National Museum. The courtesy of the American Minister in transmitting the coins is very deeply appreciated.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 4, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. J. W. Donnelly Jr. of this Bureau be granted an extension of leave of absence on account of illness for sixteen days. Mr. Donnelly is a faithful and conscientious employee who never abuses leave privileges, and his absence for the period mentioned was unavoidable. He has no accrued sick leave.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1929.

Honorable Tasker L. Oddie,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Oddie:

I have your letter of January 8th, addressed to the Director of the Mint, relative to a Bill to prevent high-grading.

Your letter together with the draft of the Bill was submitted to the Postmaster General through the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. The Department is now in receipt of a reply from the Postmaster General, a copy of which I am attaching.

This Department will be glad to cooperate with you further should you desire to communicate with us again regarding this Bill.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 15, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Annual Assay Commission has completed its work at the Philadelphia Mint. All of the coins reserved through the year 1928 for test by the Commission have been found to be within the requirements of law as to weight and fineness.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of January 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,350,495,682
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - -	304,041,458
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - -	118,826,716
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,313,325,611

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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February 19, 1929.

Honorable S. Wallace Dempsey, Chairman,
Committee on Rivers and Harbors,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Dempsey:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 18th.

The Assay Commission, appointed by the President, is required by law to meet on the second Wednesday in February. The appropriation for the expenses of the Assay Commission has been limited by Congress to $500. With this sum it was not possible for us to appoint any number of people residing at a distance from Philadelphia.

I regret that on this account it was not practicable for us to reach Mr. Brown's name for appointment.

Respectfully,

A W Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 26, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the United States Civil Service Commission, dated February 20th, regarding the change in the title of John J. Dee from Assistant Foreman of Carpenters to Head Carpenter at the Philadelphia Mint.

Mr. Dee's title was changed to Head Carpenter because he is in charge of the work done in the carpentry department. As there are but two carpenters, the title of Foreman seemed inconsistent.

There will be no objection on the part of this Bureau if Mr. Dee's title is restored to that of Carpenter, without change of compensation.

In regard to the other positions mentioned in the letter of February 20th, namely, Pressman and Stamper, it is recommended that in view of the pending classification of the Field Service, when many of the titles now employed will no doubt be eliminated, that these positions remain unaltered for the present.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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March 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to February 28, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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March 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended February 28, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 2, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Issue and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,350,591,650
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - - - -	559,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - - - - -	303,912,376
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	118,991,741
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,313,457,542

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

March 2, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the following changes in the bonds of employees at the United States Assay Office at Seattle. The dates upon which the bonds expire or the premium dates thereof would appear to be the most convenient dates on which to make the changes in the penalty of the bonds. The following employees would be affected by this recommendation:

Thomas G. Hatheway, Assayer in Charge, bond to be reduced from $50,000 to $35,000; renewal date, 10/1/29.

Henry H. Bulkeley, Clerk, bond to be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; next premium date, 8/17/29.

Norris R. Warren, Assistant Melter, bond to be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; next premium date, 3/17/29.

Parry S. Myers, Skilled Workman, bond to be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; next premium date, 6/28/29.

Charles L. Tedford, Skilled Workman, bond to be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; next premium date, 4/17/29.

John H. Wright, Helper, bond to be reduced from $5,000 to $2,000; next premium date, 3/5/29.

George A. Goode, Watchman, bond to be reduced from $5,000 to $2,000; next premium date, 7/20/29.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 2, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that a blank form of bond in the sum of $2,000 be prepared for accomplishment by John L. Blomquist, Watchman, United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington; date of oath, February 1, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith receipted invoice for the premium on the bond of Mr. Elbert T. Clyde, Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Carson, Nevada.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of March 2nd in which I requested certain changes in the penalties of the bonds of employees of the United States Assay Office at Seattle, I wish to withdraw my recommendation for a reduction in the penalty of the bond of Mr. Henry H. Bulkeley, Clerk, and to have the penalty of his bond remain as at present, namely, $5,000; next premium date, 8/17/29.

It is now recommended that the bond of Mr. Charles S. Parsell, Clerk at the Seattle Assay Office, be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; next premium date, 4/17/29.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the penalty of the bonds of the following named employees of the United States Assay Office at Seattle be reduced as follows, and that a new form of bond be prepared for execution by the employees named:

Norris H. Warren, Assistant Melter, to be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; appointed January 21, 1926.

Charles L. Tedford, Skilled Workman, to be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; appointed November 1, 1918.

Charles S. Parcell, Clerk, to be reduced from $5,000 to $3,000; appointed May 19, 1905.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of February 26th, I am inclosing a graphic chart indicating the purchasing agencies of the United States Mint Service, together with two copies of the regulations governing the purchase of supplies for the Field institutions under this Bureau.

The Superintendents of each of the Coinage Mints and of the United States Assay Office at New York and the Assayers in Charge of the Minor Institutions are disbursing agents. As indicated in the regulations, however, the larger purchases are subject to approval by the Bureau of the Mint.

The contingent fund of the Bureau of the Mint is, according to law, "expended under the direction of the Director".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of February 28, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,350,567,744
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - -	303,941,464
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - -	118,987,714
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,313,458,697

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of March 11th, I have the honor to forward, in triplicate, the information called for in the letter of Honorable Smith W. Brookhart.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of March 16th, please be advised that the Field Establishments of the Mint Service are as follows:

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
United States Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
United States Mint, Denver, Colo.
United States Assay Office, 32 Wall St., New York.
United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho.
United States Assay Office, Helena, Montana.
United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.
United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
United States Mint, New Orleans, La.
United States Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In response to your letter of March 18th, transcribing a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget relative to the "Federal Casualty Club", the following is submitted:

February, 1929.

Departmental.

No changes during the month.

Field Offices of the Mint Service.

Number of vacancies occurring during the month,	2.
Number of vacancies filled during the month,	2.
Total saving during the month as a result of the vacancies not filled,	-.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Roy T. Algate be allowed an extension of leave on account of sickness for a period of twenty days, from January 12th to January 31st, inclusive, 1929.

Mr. Algate has previously had ten days sick leave and he has no accrued sick leave.

It is recommended that this extension be granted as the case is a meritorious one; Mr. Algate's absence was not due to any negligence or delinquency on his part.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1928.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 23rd, FA 811.515/537, transmitting a list of questions in triplicate covering certain points on which the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint at London wishes to receive information.

I am returning the schedule of questions with replies attached, together with a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1926 and other pertinent information.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 27, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 20th, LA 817.515/53, inclosing a copy and translation of a note dated March 14, 1929, from the Nicaraguan Charge d'Affaires ad interim, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Nicaragua.

In response to the foregoing, I take pleasure in stating that this coinage can be made at the Philadelphia Mint, as follows:

No. of Pieces	Denomination	Metal	Price per 1,000 pieces
20,000	50 Centavos	800 silver	$6.50
20,000	25 Centavos	800 silver	5.70
500,000	1 Centavo	94.75% copper, 4% tin, 1.25% zinc	2.20

The prices quoted above include alloy copper and working dies. Boxes for shipping will be extra.

METAL REQUIRED

	Fine Ounces Silver	Avoirdupois Pounds Copper	Tin	Zinc
20,000 - 50 Centavos	6,430.00	- - -	- -	- -
20,000 - 25 Centavos	3,215.00	- - -	- -	- -
500,000 - 1 Centavo	- - - -	4,177.6629	176.3675	55.1143
	9,645.00	4,177.6629	176.3675	55.1143

It is assumed that the 25 centavos and 1 centavo coins are similar to those made in 1928 from dies now in the custody of the Philadelphia Mint. The Philadelphia Mint, however, has no dies for the 50 centavo coins. If it is desired that the Mint should make dies for the 50 centavo coins, and it is

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similar to the 25 centavos coins, with the exception of numerals and words, the dies can be made for $225. per pair.

The silver required in this coinage should be furnished by the Government of Nicaragua, but the copper, tin and zinc needed for the 1 centavo coins can be purchased by the Philadelphia Mint on competitive bids for the Government of Nicaragua.

Shipping boxes can be furnished at $1.00 each.

The Director of the Mint will be instructed to direct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with the execution of this coinage as early as practicable after the order is placed therefor.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 30, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of March 23rd, "CC-RM", transmitting a copy of Memorandum No. 40, Office of the Chief Coordinator, relative to Official Table of Distances, please be advised that this Bureau has no comments or suggestions to make in this matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 1, 1929.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1929.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning April 1, 1929, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the publication - Pamphlet Supplement to United States Code, Unannotated - is required for official use in this Bureau, and to request authority to make payment for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of the Mint Service for the quarter ended March 31, 1929, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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April 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to March 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

April 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended March 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Loans and Currency)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold -	$1,362,231,897
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - - - - - - -	304,121,919
Minor -	119,283,784
Total -	2,325,599,375

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 5, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

On March 30, 1929, Elijah M. Pierce, an Annealer at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, was accused of stealing gold coin blanks from the Mint. Mr. Pierce was taken into custody and he admitted his guilt. He has, therefore, been dropped from the rolls of the Philadelphia Mint from the close of business March 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 29th, 811.515/540, inclosing a copy of a note, No. 1237/P-67, dated March 21, 1929, from the Rumanian Minister in which he requests certain information concerning United States coins.

In reply thereto, I take pleasure in submitting the following:

The coinages executed by the United States Mints during the last five years are as follows:

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Double Eagles	$205,010,000	$190,955,000	$66,785,000	$124,675,000	$176,320,000
Eagles	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	10,140,000	- - - - - -	- - - - - -
Quarter Eagles	- - - - - -	1,445,000	1,615,565	970,000	1,040,000
Silver Dollars	13,539,000	11,808,000	11,267,700	2,982,900	1,992,649
Half Dollars	71,040	1,338,518	574,306	1,216,017	1,000,018
Quarter Dollars	4,223,000	3,070,000	3,933,000	3,321,100	2,651,900
Dimes	3,794,000	3,657,700	4,050,800	3,766,200	3,104,100
5¢ Nickel	1,415,750	2,313,555	2,565,050	2,357,050	1,839,150
1¢ Bronze	893,940	1,889,090	1,896,580	1,858,860	1,825,520

The gold coins of the United States contain 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper. The silver coins contain 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper. The nickel coins contain 25% nickel and 75% copper. The bronze coins contain 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

All United States coins are made in Mints of the United States.

Gold is valued at $20.67 per ounce 1,000 fine. The face value of the gold coins indicates the exact gold content. The alloy used in gold coins is insignificant in cost.

The average price per fine ounce of silver during the calendar years covered by this inquiry was as follows:

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1924 - - -	$0.67111
1925 - - -	0.69406
1926 - - -	0.62428
1927 - - -	0.56680
1928 - - -	0.58488

The cost of the copper contained in minor coins varies from day to day. During the period of five years the price has ranged from fourteen cents to twenty-three cents per pound.

The price of nickel has ranged from thirty-five cents to forty-two cents per pound.

The price of zinc has ranged from four cents to twelve cents per pound.

The price of tin has averaged about fifty cents per pound.

The minting costs of the various denominations of coins are as follows:

	Per 1,000 Pieces
Double Eagles - - - - - -	$20.00
Eagles - - - - - - - - -	16.00
Quarter Eagles - - - - -	10.00
Silver Dollars - - - - -	10.00
Half Dollars - - - - - -	7.50
Quarter Dollars - - - -	4.50
Dimes - - - - - - - - -	3.00
Nickels - - - - - - - - -	2.75
Cents - - - - - - - - - -	2.00

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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March 29, 1929.

Honorable C. B. Hudspeth,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Hudspeth:

I have for acknowledgment your letters of March 26th and March 27th, inclosing letters addressed to you by Mr. L. W. Hoffecker relative to proposed legislation for the issue of a special 50¢ piece to commemorate the Gadsden Purchase.

As requested by you, Mr. Hoffecker's correspondence to you is inclosed.

The special half-dollar authorized by Congress to be issued in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Discovery of the Hawaiian Islands, to which reference is made, was limited to $5,000. This entire number was shipped to the Hawaiian Islands and was promptly disposed of due to the fact that a special coin had never previously made its appearance in Hawaii and it was naturally of special interest to all the people there.

For your confidential information I am appending a table which indicates the number of special coins authorized, coined, and returned to the Mints to be remelted as unsalable.

	Authorized	Coined	Returned to the Mints.
Columbian Exposition	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,501,700
Lewis and Clark	250,000	60,069	40,003
Panama-Pacific	200,000	60,030	32,866
McKinley Memorial	100,000	30,030	10,025
Landing of Pilgrims	300,000	300,000	80,000
Missouri Centennial	250,000	50,028	29,600
Grant Memorial	250,000	100,061	28,400
Huguenot-Wallon	500,000	142,080	55,000 *
California 75th Ann'y	300,000	150,200	63,606
Battle of Bennington	40,000	40,000	11,892
Fort Vancouver Cent'l	300,000	50,028	35,000
Sesquicentennial	1,000,000	1,000,000	420,000
Oregon Trail	6,000,000	198,000	(50,000 not called for)

* 55,000 Huguenot coins placed in circulation at face value.

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From the foregoing I feel sure you will recognize the enormous waste involved in special coin issues. Within eleven years eighteen different types of special half-dollars have been authorized by Congress, causing serious and unnecessary confusion in our coinage system. Many Bills proposing such coin issues have failed of enactment, and the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures of the House is on record as being against the continuance of this very undesirable policy of permitting the coinage to be used for special celebrations or enterprises not of a national character.

I have gone into this subject at some length with the hope that you will consent to assist us by discouraging the introduction of such legislation.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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April 8, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of April 4th, please be advised that there is no position in this Bureau carrying maintenance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 18th, transcribing a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget relative to the "Federal Casualty Club", the following is submitted:

March, 1929.

Departmental.

No changes during the month.

Field Offices of the Mint Service.

Number of vacancies occurring during the month, 1.

Number of vacancies filled during the month, -

Total saving during the month as a result of the vacancies not filled, $45.20

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 10, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am inclosing a letter received from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, forwarding the application of Elijah M. Pierce for refund of deductions made from his compensation as an employee of the Philadelphia Mint from August 1, 1920, to date of removal, March 30, 1929, amounting to $387.32.

Mr. Pierce was dishonorably discharged from the Mint upon his admission that he had stolen gold. The value of the gold known to have been taken was about $220., and this gold has been recovered by the Government.

Mr. Pierce is now on bail, pending his appearance before the Grand Jury in June.

The request of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for the refund of the retirement deductions is submitted to you for opinion as to whether or not these deductions should be returned to Mr. Pierce, pending his trial.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of March 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,362,230,723
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - -	304,232,370
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	119,283,761
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,325,708,629

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 15th, LA 817.515/55, with inclosures, relative to Nicaraguan coinage.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to authorize the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed as early as practicable with the coinage desired by the Government of Nicaragua.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended April 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to April 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

May 2, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Loans and Currency)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,382,906,056
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - -	304,064,353
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	119,759,141
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,346,691,325

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of May 1st, inclosing a copy of Circular #30 of the Personnel Classification Board, dated April 19, 1929, I am inclosing the form attached to your letter with the desired information supplied.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of April 2nd transmitting brief descriptions of the testing equipment in the laboratories of the Mint Service, I beg to state that the same appear to be correct.

The duplicates are returned herewith, as requested.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 1st, Ka - 102.14/346, inclosing a copy of a despatch from the American Consul at Belize, British Honduras, requesting a copy of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint.

I take pleasure in forwarding by messenger a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1928, for transmission to the colonial secretariat through the American Consul.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Referring to the letters of this Department dated February 9, 1927, and December 17, 1927, and to your request of May 1, 1929, for a report on Bill No. S. 493, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare a medal with appropriate emblems and inscriptions commemorative of the services, sacrifices, and patriotism of the American women of all wars in which the United States has participated, this Department would interpose no objection to the enactment of this legislation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Reed Smoot,
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
United States Senate.

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May 4, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 2nd, FA - 102.14/348, inclosing a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption and monetary stock of gold and silver, returned from the American Embassy at Mexico City with the document partly executed.

May I invite attention to the last page of this series of interrogatories to which no reply has been made by the Mexican Government? The question involves the export of gold and silver in the form of coin and bullion from Mexico during the calendar year 1928.

It is possible that the question was overlooked and, if you deem it expedient, it will be deeply appreciated if you will call the attention of the Mexican Ambassador to the omission of the reply to this interrogatory.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 13, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of April 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,382,601,196
Silver Dollars - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - -	304,167,487
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	119,759,102
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,346,489,560

Respectfully,

M. M. McRaisley

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

May 18, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of May 13th, forwarding a letter received by the Secretary to the President from Honorable George S. Graham, written in behalf of Mr. Clarence J. Camm, a temporary employee of the Philadelphia Mint.

Mr. Camm has been employed as a Helper at Philadelphia for periods of three months at a time since March, 1928. His present period of temporary employment will expire June 30, 1929. It would be evident from this record that his temporary periods have been extended with unusual frequency. Mr. Camm's record is satisfactory, but he cannot be reached on the United States Civil Service list and there is no authority to continue his employment indefinitely.

The work at the Philadelphia Mint is such that there is no justification for the continuous employment of the number of temporary employees now on duty there, and this Bureau does not feel justified in recommending extraordinary action in the case of Mr. Camm.

Should there arise in the future an opportunity to recall Mr. Camm as a temporary employee, the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint will be requested to recommend his reassignment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Inclosures:
Letter of Hon. G. S. Graham;
Letter of Hon. Lawrence Richey.

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May 20, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 16th, inclosing a letter from Honorable F. H. LaGuardia, House of Representatives, written in behalf of Mr. Michael Kissane, a Melter at the United States Assay Office at New York.

The rate of compensation being paid to Mr. Kissane is the same as to others doing the same work and having similar responsibility, and there is no way to increase these wages at the present time.

Should it be found possible at a later time to increase Mr. Kissane's wages, this Bureau will be glad to cooperate in recommending that this be done.

Congressman La Guardia's letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

May 27, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 18th, transcribing a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget relative to the "Federal Casualty Club", the following is submitted:

April, 1929.

Departmental.

No changes during the month.

Field Offices of the Mint Service.

Number of changes occurring during the month, 2.

Number of vacancies filled during the month, 1.

Total saving during the month as a result of the vacancy not filled (position of Assistant Cashier temporarily vacant), $200.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

May 29, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your circular letter of May 17th, the following statement is submitted:

The laboratory of this Bureau carries approximately 150 pounds of nitric acid. This is the only article with a fire hazard, and the Metallurgist of this Bureau states that the fire hazard from this acid is small. The usual precautions are taken, however, to insure against any accident due to the presence of this acid in the laboratory.

There are no films of any kind on storage in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

May 29, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 22nd, NA 811.515/551, inclosing a copy of a note dated May 17th from the Minister of Greece, together with a questionnaire concerning the monetary system and minting in the United States.

This Department takes pleasure in inclosing the questionnaire duly filled out, pertinent circulars regarding the monetary system of the United States, and a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1928, for transmission to the Minister of Greece.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau have occurred during the month ended May 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to May 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 4, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Loans and Currency)
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,397,852,819
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - -	304,140,906
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	120,254,623
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,362,210,123

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 4, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

On July 1, 1929, the bonds of the following Officers of the Mint Service will be due for renewal:

Michael J. Kelly, Superintendent, San Francisco Mint,
Amount of bond, $100,000.
Freas Styer, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint,
Amount of bond, $100,000.
John L. May, Assayer in Charge, Salt Lake City Assay Office,
Amount of bond, $10,000.

It is requested that blank form of bond be prepared for each of these officers in the penalties above mentioned.

It is desired that the bonds be sent out in time to have them returned to this Department for approval as of July 1, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1929.

Mr. E. C. Faber, Vice President,
Advertising Samplers, Inc.,
220 West 42nd St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 28th relative to the dimensions of our nickel coin.

The law prescribes the weight and fineness of the nickel piece but does not define its dimensions. The diameter of the present five-cent nickel piece is .835 inch, and the thickness is .078 inch. The Mint undertakes to keep the variation in diameter within .003, and the variation in thickness within .005. Due to the variation in the hardness of the metal and to the wear of the collars, however, it is impossible to keep all coins within a defined variance of extreme precision.

The subject matter of your letter has been taken up with the Director of the Mint and that Officer has been requested to direct the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to exercise every possible precaution in the preparation of the dies and the collars used in the Mint Service in order that the least possible deviation be effected in the striking of coins.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 11, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payments for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1925.

The Bankers Magazine, New York.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle.
El Economista, Madrid.
The Engineering and Mining Journal.
The Bankers Magazine, London.
The Mining Journal.
The Economist.
The Statist.
The Monetary Times, Toronto, Canada.
The Far Eastern Review, Shanghai, China.
South African Mining Journal, Johannesburg, S. Africa.
Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Journal.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-S

Approved:

Henry Paternoe Bond

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 12, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of May 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,397,662,511
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - -	303,966,233
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	120,240,944
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,361,831,463

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

S-S

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June 24, 1929.

The Secretary of the Treasury
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 18th, transcribing a letter from the Director of the Budget relative to the Federal Casualty Club, the following is submitted:-

May, 1929.

Departmental.

No changes during the month.

Field Offices of the Mint Service.

Number of changes occurring during the month,	3 additions
Number of vacancies filled during the month,	1.
Number of separations	5.

Savings during the month as a result of temporary vacancies in permanent positions ----------$352.77

Respectfully

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 21, 1929.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 18, 1929, enclosing a copy of a note of June 15, 1929, with its enclosure, from the Chinese Minister, with regard to a set of dies desired by his Government for a new coin.

The cost of preparing the master dies and hubs for the Chinese Yuan (obverse and reverse) would be Three Hundred Dollars ($300) for the four pieces.

The working dies would be Ten Dollars ($10) each, or Twenty Dollars ($20) per pair.

It understood that the master dies and hubs would be made from sculptured models of designs submitted with your letter of inquiry.

The dies would be delivered at the Mint, Philadelphia, to the agent named by the Chinese Minister.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 25, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 20, 1929, transmitting copy of letter dated June 14, 1929, from the Claims Division of the General Accounting Office, relative to a form for reporting tax paid on gasoline, please be advised that none of the institutions of the Mint Service operate motor vehicles in travel on official business.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 1, 1929.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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July 1, 1929.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the follwoing estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning July 1, 1929, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

June 29, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your Circular Letter of June 26, 1929, I beg to state that the proposed revision of Standard Form #18, "Register of Transportation Requests", has the cordial endorsement of this Bureau. We will require not more than 12 copies of this form as a year's supply.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 1, 1929.

The Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping & Warrants,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver $2,000, Contingent, Expenses, Public Moneys, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your Circular Letter of June 6, 1929, I beg to state that the paper shipping tags covered by Simplified Practice Recommendation No. R93-29 will be satisfactory for use in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1929.

The Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Bookkeeping & Warrants,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please place to the credit of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, $3,000, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1930.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P-A

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 2, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,408,383,476
Silver dollars - - - - - - - -	539,961,775
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	304,052,118
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	120,639,664
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,373,037,033

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

S-S

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 19th relative to the index of decisions of the Comptroller General, as prepared by the General Accounting Office, I have to state that one copy will be required by this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 19th with reference to a letter of the Director of the Bureau of Standards I beg to state that this office would like to have 12 mimeograph copies of the directory of Governmental testing laboratory.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to June 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act, approved March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of the Mint Service for the quarter ended June 30, 1929, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of F. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended June 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 10, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a bond in the sum of $2,000 be prepared for George A. Goode who is employed as watchman at the U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington. Mr. Goode is now bonded in the sum of $5,000 approved July 20, 1928. The Assayer in Charge of the Seattle Assay Office has requested that Mr. Goode's bond be reduced from $5,000 to $2,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 6, 1928, requesting, on behalf of the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of Ecuador, the coinage of 5,000,000 one centavo pieces, I have the honor to state that this Department is today in receipt of a letter from the Guaranty Trust Company of New York requesting the cancellation of the coinage of 2,964,000 of the 5,000,000 originally ordered. The Guaranty Trust Company of New York states that it is in receipt of the following cable from the Banco Central del Ecuador, Quito:

"If possible cancel order any further copper coinage Please reply."

The Philadelphia Mint now has on hand 1,340,000 blanks ready for the coining press. The cost to the mint for the work so far done on these blanks is $2,077.00. There is also due the mint for master dies $200.00.

The Government of Ecuador has to its credit at the Philadelphia Mint minor coin metal weighing 335,773 troy ounces valued at $3,712.26. Of this amount 151,169 troy ounces are in the form of blanks referred to above.

Should the balance of the coinage now due on the order of the Ecuador Government be cancelled, it will be necessary to have the mint remunerated for work already done in fabricating the 1,340,000 blanks now on hand, amounting to $2,077.00 together with the cost of the master dies amounting to $200.00.

The Department will appreciated your courtesy in advising us as early as practicable as to the wish of your Department in regard to acceding to the request of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 15, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of July 6th, this Bureau will need 35 copies of the forthcoming document entitled "P. C. B. Form No. 18".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 17, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the directions in your circular letter of June 18, 1929, there is submitted herewith, on the form which you have provided, an inventory of unexpendable property on hand in this Bureau as of June 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 18, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 10th, LA 818.515/50, inclosing a copy and translation of a note addressed to you by the Minister of Costa Rica relative to certain coinage which his Government desires to have executed by the Philadelphia Mint.

It is understood that the coins desired are to be made of bronze.

Previous coinage of these denominations for the Government of Costa Rica was executed in silver.

It is further understood that the working dies of the coins now desired are in the custody of the National City Bank of New York.

The Director of the Mint states that it will be necessary for the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to have an opportunity to inspect the master dies and samples of the coins before an estimate of the cost of manufacturing the bronze coins now desired can be submitted.

May I suggest that the Minister of Costa Rica be requested to cause the dies and sample coins to be sent from the National City Bank to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania?

Respectfully,

A W Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 20, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of July 19th, you are advised that, under the headings mentioned by you, the needs of this Bureau are as follows:

Furniture, (One Typewriter).

The typewriter to be surrendered in exchange therefor is an Underwood, Model 5, Serial #1014262.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

July 24, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of June 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,407,888,929
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary Silver - - - - - - -	304,187,449
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	120,640,035
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,372,677,262

Respectfully,

E. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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July 30, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of July 25th, I beg to state that no employee of this Bureau received efficiency ratings which would require his demotion in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the United States Bureau of Efficiency General Circular No. 13, dated July 1, 1928.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Responding to telephone request of today, the following is submitted as to the employees in the Mint Service:

	Men	Women
Bureau - - - -	13	1
Field - - -	587	55

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended July 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to July 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - -	$1,423,800,680
Silver dollars - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary silver - - - - - -	304,181,985
Minor - - - - - - - - -	120,660,020
Total - - - - - - - -	2,388,603,534

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-A

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August 3, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office has notified this Bureau that Mr. Theodore J. Fihe, who was nominated for the position of Skilled Workman, has declined appointment for the reason that a more remunerative position was offered to him.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 18th, transcribing a letter from the Director of the Budget relative to the Federal Casualty Club, the following is submitted:

June, 1929

Departmental.

No changes during the month.

Field Offices of the Mint Service.

Number of changes occurring during the month; - - -
Number of vacancies filled during the month; 3
Number of separations 1

Savings during the month as a result of temporary vacancies in permanent positions - - - - - - - - $153.75

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

August 7, 1929.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6th, and I take pleasure in inclosing a copy of the letter addressed at your request to Mr. George P. Willard in regard to the coinage of the first five-cent nickel pieces.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Vice President,
The Capitol.

August 7, 1929.

Mr. George P. Willard,
Holt Summit, Missouri.

Sir:

The Vice President has referred to this Department your inquiry regarding the date of the minting of the first five-cent nickel pieces.

The Act of May 16, 1866, authorized the coinage of the first five-cent nickel pieces.

The first coinage of any United States coins took place in 1792, but no five-cent nickel pieces were authorized until the date indicated.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 9, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

The Treasury Department has in storage at the New Orleans Mint 6,908,000 standard silver dollars which it is desired to have transferred to the San Francisco Mint for safer keeping, the vault at New Orleans being inadequate.

I have the honor to request that you will advise this Department whether it would be practicable for the War Department to move this coin by Army transport from New Orleans to San Francisco.

The coins are contained in 6,908 bags, 1,000 dollars in a bag, each bag weighing about 59 avoirdupois pounds, making the total dead weight 407,572 pounds. The space required by the coins would be 250 cubic feet per $1,000,000.

Should this transfer be undertaken for us by your Department, it would be necessary for you to provide facilities for moving the coin from the Mint at New Orleans to the transport. It would also be necessary for us to have your assistance in moving the coin from the transport at San Francisco to the Mint there. Neither of the Mints has any hauling facilities, and we would have to depend upon you to supply this service, including the necessary guards for the coin while in transit.

Respectfully,

Henry Herrmann

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-235 Vol 477

August 14, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of July 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,423,636,461
Silver Dollars - - - - - -	539,960,649
Subsidiary Silver - - -	304,281,417
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	120,651,798
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,388,550,525

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 20th, FA 811.515/550, inclosing a copy of a note from the Japanese Ambassador forwarding a questionnaire relating to United States coinage for 1928. The questionnaire has now been filled out and is returned herewith for transmission through your Department to the Department of Finance at Tokyo.

The necessary data to complete the replies to the questionnaire have just been received at this Department.

Respectfully,

Henry Herrick Bond

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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August 21, 1939.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Treasury Department.

Sir:

With the somewhat recent creation of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., as an agency of the railroads for handling express business, and consequent ruling by the Comptroller General of the United States that express transportation over land-grant railroads is subject to preferential rates to the Government on account thereof, this office is no longer able to verify amounts charged on bills for transportation of minor coin from the mints.

In the past the practice has been that bills for transportation of minor coin from mints, after verification in this office of the amounts charged, have been forwarded to the particular mint which made the shipment, for payment.

The charges for distribution of new minor coins, including transportation, are payable from the Minor Coinage Profit Fund in accordance with United States Code, title 31, section 340 (sec.3528 of the Revised Statutes).

A changed procedure is submitted for consideration, as follows:

All bills for transportation of new minor coin to be submitted to the General Accounting Office for preaudit, the same as is the present practice on other express and freight bills; transfer from time to time on direction of this office, by one or more of the Superintendents of mints to the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., of such portions of the profits on minor coinage as are considered necessary for meeting the bills for transportation, payable therefrom; payment by the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., from the "Special Deposit Account - Minor Coinage Profits" of bills for transportation of new minor coin from the several mints, after preaudit of such bills.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

August 23, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that this Department is in receipt of the following cablegram from the Repbanco, Montevideo, Uruguay, relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Uruguay:

"Please inform us by cable your terms for following coinages for Uruguay Government including metals discus stamps etc one hundred thousand gold coins five pesos each weight eight grams four hundred and eighty five thousandths STOP Alloy nine hundred and seventeen diameter twenty two millimetres STOP Two million five hundred thousand twenty cents silver coins weight five grams fine eight hundred diameter twenty five millimetres STOP Five million copper coins ten cents each weight eight grams alloy ninety one per cent pure copper and nine per cent aluminum diameter twenty seven millimetres STOP We would supply drawings and stamps for modelling and engraving STOP Answer urgent by cable"

The Repbanco requested a reply by cable but this Department is without facilities for forwarding the information in that manner.

I am submitting the information called for with the request that, if you deem it appropriate, you transmit the same to the Representative of the Government of Uruguay for transmission to his Government.

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The figures called for by the cablegram are as follows:

No. of pieces	Denomination	Fineness	Coinage Cost per 1,000 Pieces
100,000	5 pesos	917	$17.50
2,500,000	20 centesimos	800	6.50
5,000,000	10 "	91% copper 9% aluminum	0.85

It is understood the weight of the 5-peso gold piece is 8.485 grams, 22 millimeters in diameter; the 20-centesimo silver piece weighs 5 grams and is 25 millimeters in diameter; and the 10-centesimo copper-aluminum piece weighs 8 grams and is 27 millimeters in diameter.

The price quoted, namely, $0.85 per 1,000 pieces for the 10-centesimos is for only stamping the coin from blanks, soft annealed, and ready for stamping, to be furnished by the Government of Uruguay, as the Mint is not at this time equipped to roll aluminum alloys. The Mint would, however, be willing to aid the Representative of the Government of Uruguay in purchasing such blanks.

The prices quoted on gold and silver coins include cost of alloy copper, and also the cost of working dies. The cost of working dies is also included in the price quoted for stamping the 10-centesimo copper-aluminum pieces.

Kegs or boxes necessary for packing coins for shipment will be additional to coinage costs.

Master dies for each coin can, provided sketches are furnished, be made for $300 per pair.

Metal Required

Denomination	Fine Ozs. Gold	Fine Ozs. Silver	Avoirdupois Pounds Copper	Avoirdupois Pounds Aluminum
5 pesos	25,015.095			
20 centesimos		$21,500.00		
10 "			80,247	7,957

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

August 21, 1929.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letters of July 10 and August 1, 1929, (LA 818.515/53) relative to proposed coinage desired by the Government of Costa Rica, and to submit the following reply covering the inquiries:

No. of Pieces.	Denomination.	Composition.	Cost Per M. pcs.
1,500,000	5-centimos	95 Cu.4% Zn.1% Sn.	$2.50
500,000	10-centimos	"	2.75

If new dies must be furnished the cost will be $300 per pair for master dies; if the master dies of the silver 5 and 10 centimos are furnished, they can be changed to conform to the bronze coins for $150 per pair.

The coinage charges include the cost of working dies, but not containers for shipment.

Metal required- Avoirdupois pounds.

Denomination.	Weight.	Copper.	Zinc.	Tin.
5-centimos	1 gram	3141.5143	132.2742	33.0686
10-centimos	2 grams	2094.3428	88.1829	22.0457
		5235.8571	220.4571	55.1143

Upon receipt of advise from your Department that the above figures are satisfactory, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed with the execution of the coinage as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

August 24, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 22nd, inclosing a copy of the preliminary draft of the Directory of Governmental Testing Laboratories issued by the Bureau of Standards, I beg to call attention to the following corrections applying to institutions of the Mint Service:

On Page 57, the present text reads: "U. S. Assay Office, Bureau of the Mint, Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge." The text should read: "U. S. Mint, Leonard Magruder, Assayer in Charge."

On Page 59, the paragraph commencing "This laboratory * * *" under the Carson City, Nevada, heading should be eliminated.

On Page 60, under the New York heading, the present text reads: "U. S. Mint, Niles R. Becker, Superintendent." The text should read: "U. S. Assay Office, Niles R. Becker, Superintendent."

The preliminary draft is returned to you herewith, and the above corrections have been made therein.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 30, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Assistant Comptroller General of the United States,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to your communication A-18229 dated August 20, 1929, I am enclosing a carbon copy of letter of the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at New Orleans concerning the reported irregularities in accounting procedure in his office.

The unused blank checks in question have been forwarded to the Bureau of Supply of this department for cancellation. The unused checks issued under special deposit account symbol have also been forwarded for cancellation in view of the consolidation of the special deposit checking account with the regular checking account.

Respectfully,

J Laurence Laughlin
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Encl.

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September 4, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,430,067,823
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - - -	305,055,461
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	121,166,164
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,396,250,297

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to advise that final revision of the figures affecting stock of coin in the United States gives the following, as of June 30, 1929:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,407,888,924
Silver Dollars - - - - - - -	539,960,549
Subsidiary Silver - - - -	304,187,449
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	120,640,035
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,372,677,257

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Act of May 29, 1928, (Chap. 981), provides as follows: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to present a gold medal to Lincoln Ellsworth, the distinguished American explorer, who, by his conspicuous courage, sagacity, and perseverance, made his famous polar flight of 1925 and the transpolar flight of 1926 and the President is further authorized to present gold medals of honor to Roald Amundsen, the distinguished Norwegian explorer, and to Umberto Nobile, the distinguished Italian explorer, who participated with the said Lincoln Ellsworth in the transpolar flight of 1926." * * *".
Approved May 29, 1928."

The First Deficiency Act, approved March 4, 1929, had the following item: "Bureau of the Mint. For carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act awarding a gold medal to Lincoln Ellsworth", approved May 29, 1928 (45 Stat., pt. 2, p. 326), fiscal year 1929, $2,380."

The Joint Resolution, approved May 4, 1928, (H. J. Res. 192), provided: "That in recognition of the achievements of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck and presented to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary. For such purpose there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of $1,500.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be coined and sold, under such regulations as he may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof (including labor), and the appropriations used for carrying out the provisions of this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sale.
Approved, May 4, 1928."

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This item was included in the supplemental estimate of appropriation required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, by the Treasury Department, and was as follows: "Bureau of the Mint. Coinage of medal of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, for carrying out the provisions of Public Resolution 33, approved May 4, 1928, entitled, 'Joint Resolution to provide for the coinage of a medal in commemoration of the achievements of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh', $1,500."

The appropriation provided for the Ellsworth-Amundsen-Nobile medals amounted to $2,500. The appropriation provided for the Colonel Lindbergh medal amounted to $1,500.

No satisfactory designs or models for these medals were received until after the close of the fiscal year 1929; therefore, the appropriation in each instance lapsed on June 30, 1929.

I have the honor to suggest that appropriate action be taken to cause these amounts to be reappropriated, or to cause the provisions of the acts covering the costs of the medals to be extended.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of August 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,429,858,678
Silver Dollars - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary Silver - - - -	305,156,712
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	121,161,889
Total - - - - - - - - - -	2,396,138,128

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Section of Financial and Economic Research.

Sir:

In response to your letter of July 29th, I have the honor to submit a report of the operations of the Mint Service during the fiscal year 1929, for incorporation in the administrative reports section of the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 14, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Replying to the letter from the Comptroller General of the United States under date of September 12, 1929, relative to the claim of George M. Anderson for pay for a period of annual leave which Mr. Anderson alleges is due him as an employee of the Philadelphia Mint, the following statement, obtained from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, is submitted:

"I am returning herewith letter received by you from the Claim Division, Office of the Comptroller General, with communication of George M. Anderson attached.

In reference to the claim of George M. Anderson for pay for period of annual leave which he alleges is due him, as an employee of this mint, I beg to say that Mr. Anderson is one of a number of temporary helpers at this mint whose time expired at the end of June 1929.

Temporary employees are not allowed leave of absence with pay, under the following decision of the Comptroller General:

'July 23, 1926

To the Officers and Employees of the
Treasury Department Field Forces.

Pursuant to decision of the Comptroller General, dated May 11, 1926, No. A-14157, reconsidered and affirmed June 28, 1926, paragraph 15 of the Time and Regulations, Field Forces, is hereby amended to read as follows:

15. Temporary employees will not be allowed leave of absence with pay during any of the period of their temporary employment.

The provisions of paragraphs 52 and 53 of the same regulations are hereby revoked.

GARRARD B. WINSTON
Acting Secretary of the Treasury'

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The statement of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has the approval of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 10th, LA 818.515/55, inclosing a copy of a note dated September 3, 1929, from the Minister of Costa Rica, stating that the data covering the coinage desired by his Government had been forwarded to the National City Bank of New York, and that the Bank would communicate directly with the Philadelphia Mint.

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has forwarded to this Department a letter from the National City Bank, dated September 11, 1929, ordering the execution of this coinage.

The Director of the Mint has today been instructed to give the necessary instructions to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to proceed with the execution of this coinage upon the terms indicated by this Department in a letter to your Department under date of August 21, 1929.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

September 19, 1929.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing.

Sir:

In accordance with Department Circular No. 365, December 2, 1925, I have the honor to inclose return covering transportation requests issued to this Bureau for the period January 1, 1929, to June 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint,

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September 23, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

A letter of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint, dated June 15, 1929, recommended that Roy G. Russell who was furloughed as Helper without prejudice at the close of business June 30, 1926, be reinstated as Helper with compensation at the rate of $5.55 per diem, vice W. G. Boswell promoted to Melter, this appointment to be effective June 25th.

I have the honor to request that the letter mentioned be amended to cause this appointment to be effective subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury dated August 21, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 23, 1929.

Assistant Comptroller General
of the United States,
General Accounting Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With further reference to the report on recent examination of the United States Mint at New Orleans, your file A-18228 of September 16, 1929, I am forwarding herewith a carbon copy of letter dated September 23, 1929, addressed to the Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint by the Director of the Mint, which indicates that a complete record of requisitions for disbursing officers' checks was maintained, although the copy of one of the requisitions evidently could not be located at the time of the inspection by your representatives; also that directions have been given for keeping a complete stub record of all checks issued.

Respectfully,

A W Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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September 27, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of September 21st, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of September 5, 1929, by the Adjutant of the Department of Massachusetts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, I am inclosing copies of regulations effective in the field institutions of the Mint Service relating to efficiency ratings of employees.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 28, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
(Through Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This Bureau has received for consideration, by reference, communication of the Comptroller General of the United States No. A-28579 of September 25, 1929, relative to proposed method of handling vouchers for payment of express charges on shipments of minor coin from the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, which letter is attached hereto.

The method suggested by the Comptroller General was considered by this office prior to submitting our proposal of August 21st, and was not recommended for the following reasons:

If all these vouchers were paid by the Disbursing Clerk of the Treasury Department, in Washington, one set of administrative employees and one set of disbursing employees would handle them (uniformly) instead of three sets of each handling them (differently); there would also be one instead of three sets of administrative and disbursing records therefor. After audit the vouchers would all take one route (the same as now taken by most if not all pre-audited transportation bills) to the Department disburs-

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ing clerk for payment, instead of three separate routes, with much less risk of straying from the right paths and less risk of loss in transit. Payment would be much more prompt than if sent to Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco, with checks sent from those places to the Express Agency's offices in New York - a difference of probably two weeks for San Francisco bills. The bills would be handled by this Bureau but once if paid by the Treasury Disbursing Clerk, instead of two or three times if, after preaudit, they return to us in the accounts of the field disbursing officers, with the possibility of being transmitted through this office to the field offices after audit and prior to payment.

If all these bills were paid by the Treasury Disbursing Clerk a smaller checking account would be needed than would be required for three disbursing officers, consequently a larger proportion of the coinage profits could be covered into the Treasury for general purposes.

The proposal of this office, that by the simple expedient of an occasional transfer of funds from a field disbursing officer to the Treasury Disbursing Clerk the advantages above indicated would be attained, would thus appear to be in the interest of good administration and simplified practice, rather than of unduly complicating the accounts as indicated in the letter of the Comptroller General.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

October 1, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1929.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 405, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, and re-enacted by Section 522, Title IV, Act of September 21, 1922, I hereby proclaim the following estimates by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning October 1, 1929, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to September 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act approved March 1, 1898, I have to report that the business of the Mint Service for the quarter ended September 30, 1929, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1925, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended September 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 2, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,430,077,075
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,900,849
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	306,198,420
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - -	121,737,495
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,397,973,839

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I deeply regret to have to report the death today of Mr. Patrick A. Kearney, Superintendent of the Coining Department of the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Mr. Kearney has been a member of the staff of the San Francisco Mint since 1893. His service has been distinguished by industry, efficiency and successful technical development all during his incumbency.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

It is requested that a blank form of bond, in the sum of $2,000, be prepared for execution by the following employees of the United States Mint at San Francisco:

Name	Title	Date of oath
R. F. Barry	Watchman	12/31/26
Edward P. Gartland	"	5/16/25
William D. Hughes	"	8/1/21
Fred K. Shermer	"	6/1/28
Ray L. Smith	"	12/4/18
William W. Steele	"	5/16/18
John A. Williams	"	1/22/21
Malcolm D. Wilkie	Chief Bookkeeper	5/4/20

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of September 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,429,948,846
Silver Dollars - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary Silver - - - -	306,410,452
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	121,737,242
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,398,057,389

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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October 23, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir: Attention: "CC-AMH"

In response to your circular letter of October 19th, relative to a request of the White House for a list of Officials and their immediate families for the Social Register, the following is submitted:

Honorable and Mrs. R. J. Grant, Wardman Park Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Durham, Wardman Park Hotel.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1929.

Honorable Charles L. McNary,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator McNary:

I have your letter of October 23rd, written in behalf of Mr. Joseph W. Steel whom you recommend for the position of Superintendent of the Coining Department in the United States Mint at San Francisco.

The Director of the Mint states that Mr. Steel has been recommended for this position by the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint. Under date of October 15, 1929, the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint was advised by the Director of the Mint that Mr. Steel should be authorized to undertake the work of Superintendent of the Coining Department as acting Superintendent for a period of trial to test his fitness to fill the position, as the place is one which carries a great responsibility to the Government and should not be filled hastily. The Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint was further advised that, if after Mr. Steel had occupied the position of Acting Superintendent of the Coining Department, it was considered that he had shown enough exécutive ability and technical knowledge to take on this responsibility, the Department would be glad to approve a recommendation for his permanent promotion.

Your recommendation in favor of Mr. Steel will be kept before me and, should he prove himself capable of undertaking this position, it will give me pleasure to approve his permanent appointment.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

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October 26, 1929.

Honorable Wesley L. Jones,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Jones:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of October 19th, recommending the appointment of Mr. Perry S. Myers of Seattle to the Annual Assay Commission.

I deem it fair to you to say that the appointment of an employee of the Mint Service to this position would be contrary to the policy of the Department. The Mint Service is, in effect, on trial before this Commission and the appointment of an employee would, therefore, be undesirable.

Furthermore, the appropriation for this Commission is now limited to $500., hence it is impracticable to recommend appointments of those who live at any distance from Philadelphia; otherwise, I would be very glad to accede to your request.

Respectfully,

A W Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

November 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to October 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended October 31, 1929.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,437,725,222
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	307,286,928
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	122,546,815
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,407,519,814

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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November 5, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith, approved, Form No. 38 (five copies) and Form No. 2324 for continuance in the service of Mr. Hubert Matthews, Laborer at the United States Assay Office at Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 1st, I am transmitting, in duplicate, names pertaining to this Bureau for insertion in the Treasury Department Telephone Directory.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 30th, "FE - 893,515/154", referring to your letter of June 18th and reply of this Department of June 21st regarding the desire of the Chinese Government to obtain a set of dies for a new coin, together with a copy of a note of October 28th from the Chinese Minister on this subject.

I have taken pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to proceed with the preparation of the dies desired by the Chinese Government. The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint will also cause to be prepared a plaster model for this coin. The model is to be made outside of the Mint by Mr. John R. Sinnock at a cost of $500. The dies will be prepared at the Mint from the models provided by the Chinese Government at the following charges: Master dies and hubs, $300., working dies, $10 each or $20 per pair.

It is understood that the Chinese Minister has accepted these terms.

Instructions have been given to proceed with the preparation of these dies as rapidly as possible.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 11, 1929.

Honorable Andrew W. Mellon,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt, Assayer at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, has submitted his resignation, to take effect on December 31, 1929.

The position is a Presidential one.

I deem it appropriate to call to your attention the extraordinary record of Mr. Eckfeldt. He originally entered the Mint Service on April 16, 1865, and he has served at Philadelphia continuously since that date. He was appointed Assayer by President Arthur on December 21, 1881. Mr. Eckfeldt's service in the United States Mint has been distinguished by unusual ability, dignity and success, and I take pleasure in placing upon the records of this Department an expression of appreciation of his life work in the interest of the Government.

The Mint at Philadelphia has had upon its roster representatives of the Eckfeldt family since January 1, 1796. Mr. Adam Eckfeldt, an ancestor of Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt, built the first screw-coining press used in the United States Mint.

Mr. Eckfeldt's formal resignation is inclosed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1929.

Honorable Andrew W. Mellon,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In reference to the resignation of Mr. Jacob B. Eckfeldt, Assayer at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, transmitted to you this day, I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Chester W. Ziegler be considered for appointment to the position of Assayer as successor to Mr. Eckfeldt.

Mr. Ziegler has been serving in the capacity of Assistant Assayer at the Philadelphia Mint and has demonstrated his ability to fill the position of Assayer. The place is one of great responsibility and it is important that the position be filled by one who has had technical training along the lines peculiar to metallurgical processes as applied to the intricate work of coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to the approval of the recommendation of the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York for a change in the title of Alexander Coker from Helper to Skilled Laborer, approved September 21, 1929, and covered by oath dated September 24, 1929, I have now to request that Mr. Coker's original appointment as Helper, as certified by the United States Civil Service Commission under Certificate No. 41540 be changed to that of Skilled Laborer at $6 per diem from the date of his original appointment, June 13, 1929.

This is in accordance with a request of the United States Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit specimen strikes of the 5-centimos coin and of the 10-centimos coin, to be prepared for the Government of Costa Rica at the Philadelphia Mint.

A sample of the 5-centimos coin was sent by the Minister of Costa Rica to the Philadelphia Mint, and the die for this coin is in accordance with the sample submitted.

A sample of the 10-centimos coin was sent by the Minister of Costa Rica to the Philadelphia Mint on August 8, 1929. The die for this coin is according to the sample submitted, with the exception of change of the word "centavos" to "centimos", and from the word "diez" to the figure "10". Both of these changes were made at the request of the National City Bank of New York which is acting as Agent for the Government of Costa Rica.

It is requested that these specimen strikes be submitted to the Minister of Costa Rica for approval.

It is understood by the Philadelphia Mint that the Government of Costa Rica is in urgent need of these coins, and it is requested that this Department be advised as early as convenient whether or not the coins meet the approval of the Minister of Costa Rica.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 14, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of October 31, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,437,624,262
Silver Dollars - - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary Silver - - - - -	307,370,036
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - -	122,537,908
Total - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,407,493,055

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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OR

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November 15, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 13th, quoting from a letter received by you from the Assistant to the Chief Coordinator, I have to report that the 8½ x 11½ manila envelope, Item No. 68, is not proving satisfactory for use.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

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November 21, 1929.

Honorable Hubert D. Stephens,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stephens:

I have your letter of November 12th, recommending the appointment of Honorable E. A. Fitzgerald of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as a Member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets in Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February. As you are aware, the Assay Commission serves without compensation but traveling and subsistence expenses are allowed.

If the limited amount of the appropriation will permit, I shall take great pleasure in placing Mr. Fitzgerald's name on the list to be submitted to the President about the middle of January and shall direct that you be advised as soon as possible of our ability to accede to your request.

The appropriation for the expenses of the Commission has been limited by Congress to $500.

Respectfully,

Ogden Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 25, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a letter received from Honorable Oscar Aganslow, Consul General of Nicaragua in the States of Oregon and Washington, whose office is located in San Francisco, requesting permission to visit the San Francisco Mint.

I should be very glad to accede to this request, but the United States Mint at San Francisco has been closed to visitors for several years. This regulation has been consistently observed in all instances.

I regret, therefore, that I am not in position to grant the permission in this case.

Respectfully,

Ogden L. Mills

Secretary of the Treasury.

November 25, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that Mr. Seymour Ching-Yuen Cheng, Attache of the Chinese Legation, called recently at this Department and requested samples of forms used in the various departments of the United States Mint, including the cost system, cashier's forms and bookkeeper's forms, to be transmitted by him to the Central Mint at Shanghai, China.

These forms have been assembled and are being forwarded to your Department with the request that, if you deem it appropriate, you cause them to be delivered to Mr. Cheng at the Chinese Legation in this city.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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November 25, 1929.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21st, "Nav-2-J/FH", requesting proposal for the Philadelphia Mint to furnish you with 11,000 medals similar in size and metal to the Mexican Service medal, and I am pleased to submit the following estimates:

(1) Cost of Medal

(a) Medal complete with ribbon, in cardboard boxes similar to box used for Mexican Service medals - - - - - - - $0.65 each

(b) Medal complete in cardboard box, ribbon to be furnished by Navy Department but attached at Mint - $0.62 each

(2) Cost of die for the obverse of a service medal similar to that of the Mexican Service medal will be as follows:

(a) Die cut directly into steel by hand - - $40.00

(b) Sculptured model made and reduced into steel - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $80.00

These estimates are for designs which do not have either a portrait or the human figure represented.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

November 27, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your circular letter of November 25th, there is submitted on the form provided by you an estimate of the space used by the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk;
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of P. C. B. Circular No. 8, July 10, 1923, I have to report that no changes in the personnel of this Bureau occurred during the month ended November 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247, I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to November 30, 1929.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The preliminary estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,446,470,196
Silver dollars - - - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary silver - - - - - - -	308,689,210
Minor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	123,021,244
Total - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,418,141,499

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that blank forms of bonds in the amounts indicated be prepared for execution by the following employees of this Bureau:

Timothy J. Quirk,	Associate Scientist,	$2,000
Lawrence A. Gage,	Senior Scientific Aid,	1,000
John T. Bryant,	Junior Scientific Aid,	1,000

These bonds are being requested for the reason that considerable amounts of gold and silver coin and valuable equipment are at all times in the custody of the Associate Scientist, Mr. Quirk, and it is believed that, in the interest of the Government, these bonds should be required.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1929.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 4th, by "CC-HSR", relative to a general conference on December 17th to consider the adoption of a Commercial Standard for interchangeable ground glass joints, I have to report that the subject matter of the proposed conference is not of interest to the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 4, 1929.

Honorable Hamilton F. Kean,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kean:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 2nd, recommending Mr. H. D. Greenwood of Carteret, New Jersey, to be a Member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I have taken pleasure in causing Mr. Greenwood's name to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are being prepared for submission to the President.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 5, 1929.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 3rd, recommending Judge E. C. O'Rear of Frankfort, Kentucky, to be a Member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I have taken pleasure in causing Judge O'Rear's name to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are being prepared for submission to the President.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Frederic M. Sackett, Chairman,
Committee on Expenditures in the
Executive Departments,
United States Senate.

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December 11, 1923

The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

Referring to a letter of this Department, dated November 6, 1923, relative to the preparation of dies by the Philadelphia Mint for the Government of China, I have the honor to inclose photographs of designs prepared at the Philadelphia Mint to be submitted to the Chinese Minister for approval.

These photographs will show to some extent the details as they will appear in the actual size of the coin. It is, of course, understood that the metal, having a brilliant surface, will show more detail than the photographs.

If the photographs are found to be satisfactory and you will inform this Department to be so advised, the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the dies.

Respectfully,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary of the Treasury.

December 12,1929.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 26th, transmitting copies of S. 2221, a Bill introduced by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts to authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and asking for an expression of the views of this Department on this proposed legislation.

The Department is very strongly opposed to the further issue of commemorative coins. Objection is made for the following reasons: Since 1920, fifteen Acts of Congress have been passed, authorizing the issue of special coins. By the authorization of the issue of these fifteen special coins within ten years, Congress has permitted a new design for the half-dollar at an average of one every eight months.

Section 3510 of the Revised Statutes provides that " * * * no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the first adoption of the design, model, die or hub for the same coin * * ". The Department considers that this enactment of Congress enunciated a wise general public policy adopted after due deliberation.

Upon practically every occasion when the Department has been invited to express an opinion upon special coin issues, it has recommended disapproval of the passage of the bills. Upon a vigorous appeal before the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, when the bill was pending for the issue of the Remington coin, the Committee agreed to cooperate with the Department in discouraging the issue of special coins. The Committee went on record at that time in its report in the following terms: "The Committee desires at this time to go on record as not favoring legislation of this class because of the great number of bills introduced to commemorate events of local and not national interest, and because such quantities of the coins so authorized have had to be taken back by the Government, melted and reminted."

Aside from the very dangerous and objectionable policy of diverting coinage from its original use in trade, we are imposing upon the mints and, therefore, upon the Government, an unnecessary and wasteful practice. We are required to invest money in metal for unnecessary coinage, and we are entirely defeating the original idea that coinage should be on Government account only. We are imposing an unnecessary burden on the manufacturing plants charged

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with the preparation of coinage needed in business and are diverting the activities of the Mints, intended to supply the needs of all of the people, in order to meet the demands of a few of the people. The Department is now endeavoring to meet the coinage requirements of the country with the same number of Mints that we had thirty years ago. This can only be done by avoiding every unnecessary undertaking and confining the work of the Mints to the legitimate demands of the enormous business of the country for regular coinage.

For your confidential information I am appending a table which indicates the number of special coins authorized, coined and then returned to the Mints to be destroyed:

	Authorized	Coined	Returned to the Mints
Columbian Exposition	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,501,700
Lewis and Clark	250,000	60,000	40,005
Panama-Pacific	200,000	60,000	32,866
McKinley Memorial	100,000	30,000	10,025
Landing of Pilgrims	300,000	300,000	80,000
Missouri Centennial	250,000	50,000	29,600
Grant Memorial	250,000	100,000	28,400
Huguenot-Walloon	300,000	142,000	56,000 *
California 75th Ann'y	300,000	150,000	63,606
Battle of Bennington	40,000	40,000	11,892
Fort Vancouver Cent'l	300,000	50,000	35,000
Sesquicentennial	1,000,000	1,000,000	420,000
Stone Mountain	5,000,000	2,132,000	* *

* 55,000 Huguenot coins placed in circulation at face value.

* * It is understood that large numbers of Stone Mountain coins are on hand, unsold, at the Banks.

I have gone into this subject at some length in the hope that you will consent to assist us by intercepting the passage of further legislation of this character.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Peter Norbeck, Chairman,
Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate.

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December 17, 1929.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of the United States Civil Service Commission, dated December 12, 1929, referred by you to this Bureau under date of December 14, relative to the case of Jesse B. Wright, a former employee of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Wright was dropped from the rolls of the Philadelphia Mint on November 23, 1929, on account of absence without leave. This Bureau is advised by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that he notified Wright in writing.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Inclosure:
Papers accompanying correspondence above mentioned.

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December 16, 1929.

Honorable Reeves C. McCulloch,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McCulloch:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 11th, recommending ex-Congressman William A. Ashbrook of Johnstown, Ohio, to be a Member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I have taken pleasure in causing Mr. Ashbrook's name to be placed on the list to be considered when the names are being prepared for submission to the President.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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December 19, 1929.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Loans and Currency,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The final estimate of stock of domestic coins in the United States, as of November 30, 1929, is given below:

Gold - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$1,446,334,453
Silver Dollars - - - - - - -	539,960,849
Subsidiary Silver - - - -	308,801,117
Minor - - - - - - - - - - -	123,017,648
Total - - - - - - - - - - -	2,418,114,047

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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